



## Chief Justice's Practice Direction

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### **Appointment of Child Representative**

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The following directions and procedures are to be followed when appointing child representative:

1. Where the parties are being represented by private counsel, the Legal Aid Commission should be appointed as the child representative.
2. Where one of the parties is being represented by the Legal Aid Commission then:-
  - (i) The Legal Aid Commission should be appointed as the child representative; and
  - (ii) The officer recommended to be appointed as child representative should be from the Legal Aid Commission branch other than the branch from which officers represent the parties to the proceedings.
3. Where both parties are being represented by the Legal Aid Commission then:
  - (i) A private lawyer who is briefed by the Director of the Legal Aid Commission should be appointed as the child representative; and
  - (ii) In the event the Director of the Legal Aid Commission is unable to brief a private lawyer as the child representative, the Office of the Attorney-General should be appointed as the child representative.

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