



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Regulations 2002, No. 4*

Regulations under the *Legal Practitioners Act*

I, JOHN CHRISTOPHER ANICTOMATIS, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulation under the *Legal Practitioners Act*.

Dated 27 March 2002.

J.C. ANICTOMATIS
Administrator

By His Honour's Command

S. STIRLING
Minister for Employment, Education and Training
acting for and on behalf of the
Minister for Justice and Attorney-General

* Notified in the *Northern Territory Government Gazette* on 10 April 2002.

AMENDMENT OF LEGAL PRACTITIONERS REGULATIONS

New regulation

The Legal Practitioners Regulations are amended by adding at the end the following:

"5. Legal assistance rules

"(1) The provisions of this regulation are the legal assistance rules for the purposes of section 51(8A) of the Act.

"(2) The Complaints Committee may only direct a legal practitioner in accordance with section 51(8)(b) of the Act if –

- (a) the person is unable to pay the costs of a legal practitioner in the matter; and
- (b) there are compelling reasons why the person should be assisted by a legal practitioner.

"(3) For the purposes of subregulation (2)(b), compelling reasons include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) the person would be severely disadvantaged because of the person's limited English skills, intellectual capacity or education or because of some other reason that is accepted by the Complaints Committee;
 - (b) the complaint raises issues that are of general application, in the public interest or particularly complex."
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