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RULES OF COURT

On Monday 29th April 2013, the Grand Court Rules Committee expects Rules to be brought into force relating to proceedings under the Children Law (2012). There will be 3 sets of Rules covering proceedings in the Grand Court, proceedings in the Summary Court and Forms that apply in either court. There will also be an Allocation Order setting out circumstances in which proceedings should commence in the Grand Court or in the Summary Court and this will be available shortly.

These Rules are on our website in the "Court Rules in Draft" section – see http://www.judicial.ky/courts/court-rules

We are working on a web version of the forms; during May, we hope that they will be available so that they can be completed electronically and then printed off for filing, service or distribution. Pending completion of that work, the forms are available from the court in Word format. Please e-mail shanna.wallace@gov.ky

The Rules Committee has agreed that it will review the operation of these Rules in about 6 months' time once we have had the opportunity of seeing how they operate in practice – we will be seeking comments in the light of experience. We will also be publishing a Guide to help lay people; a near final draft is also on the website.

The Rules Committee has now published a consolidated version of the Grand Court Rules bringing together all the changes up to the end of February 2013; you may note that the front cover page has not yet been updated in the footer to show that it is revised until the end of February 2013 – we hope that can be changed soon.

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