CHILDRENS COURT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NOTICE TO PRACTITIONERS Notice of Withdrawal of Solicitor in Care and Protection Proceedings

Section 709(4) of the *Children and Young People Act 2008* (C&YP Act) requires a lawyer to file with the Court, and give to each other party, a written statement before the lawyer may stop representing a party in care and protection proceedings. This provision prevails over the requirements of Rule 2806 of the *Court Procedures Rules 2006*.

Commencing from 1 August 2016, at the time of filing a statement of withdrawal pursuant to section 709(4) of the C&YP Act, the solicitor will be required to file a copy of correspondence, sent at least 7 days prior to the date on which they propose to withdraw, advising their client of their intention to file the statement of withdrawal.

Amanda Nuttall Registrar

29 July 2016