## Family Procedure Rule Committee member reappointed

News story

The Lord Chancellor has announced the reappointment of Robert Edwards as a member of the Family Procedure Rule Committee for 3 years from 1 March 2021.



The Lord Chancellor has reappointed Robert Edwards as the Welsh/Cymru Cafcass (Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service) nominated member to the Family Procedure Rule Committee (FPRC) from 1 March 2021 to 29 February 2024.

FPRC was established under Section 77 of the Courts Act 2003 to make family procedure rules. Its aim is to make clear, easily understandable rules to create an accessible, fair and efficient family justice system.

## **Biography:**

Robert Edwards is a lawyer at the Welsh Government and principal adviser to Cafcass Cymru, with responsibility for providing advice, representation and training to the organisation. Robert specialises in children law and previously worked in Welsh local authorities and private practice.

He has not declared any political activity.

Appointments and re-appointments to the FPRC are regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments and comply with the Cabinet Office Governance Code on Public Appointments.

Appointments to the FPRC are made under Section 77(2) of the Courts Act 2003 which provides that the Cymru Cafcass member is nominated by the Welsh Ministers and appointed by the Lord Chancellor in consultation with the Lord Chief Justice for England and Wales who has delegated this to the President of the Family Division.