

# Commentary on the Children's Act

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## About this Publication:

Written by a team of experts who were actively involved in drafting and commenting on the Bill, *Commentary on the Children's Act* is the first section-by-section guide to the Children's Act 38 of 2005. Every section of the Act is discussed within the context of the Act and its origin, giving practical guidance on its interpretation and application. The *Commentary* includes the full text of and commentary on the Children's Amendment Act and regulations. The publication will continue to be expanded into a 'one-stop reference' for child law.

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**Of Interest and Benefit to:**

- Judges
- Magistrates
- NGOs dealing with children's issues
- Family advocates
- Attorneys and advocates dealing with child (family) law
- Family law mediators
- Social workers and departments of welfare
- Academics

Key Benefits

- First commentary on the Children's Act 38 of 2005
- Section-by-section commentary on legislation which is bringing in a number of new and exciting changes to child law
- Written by a multi-author team who were actively involved in drafting and commenting on the Bill, with both academic and practitioner experience
- Regularly updated to reflect developments