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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2015 No. 197**

The Civil Legal Services (Appeal)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

PART 3

CONSTITUTION OF APPEAL PANELS

**Unavailability of panel member**

**18.**—(1) Where one of the persons selected for an appeal panel in accordance with this Part is not available, the panel may consist of the two other persons selected and those other persons may discharge the business before the panel where they are in agreement, but in the absence of agreement the matter in question shall be referred to a panel of three persons.

(2) Where the presiding member selected for an appeal panel in accordance with this Part is not available, the Director shall either—

- (a) select another presiding member from the list of persons appointed by the Department under regulation 12 to be the acting presiding member for that panel; or
- (b) if that is not reasonably practicable, select one of the other panel members to be the acting presiding member for that panel, provided that panel member is either a solicitor or a barrister.