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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Civil Procedure Rules 1998

PART 32  
EVIDENCE

**Evidence of witnesses—general rule**

**32.2.**—(1) The general rule is that any fact which needs to be proved by the evidence of witnesses is to be proved—

- (a) at trial, by their oral evidence given in public; and
  - (b) at any other hearing, by their evidence in writing.
- (2) This is subject—
- (a) to any provision to the contrary contained in these Rules or elsewhere; or
  - (b) to any order of the court.