
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No. 2955

The Family Procedure Rules 2010

PART 1

OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE

Court's duty to manage cases

- 1.4.**—(1) The court must further the overriding objective by actively managing cases.
- (2) Active case management includes—
- (a) encouraging the parties to co-operate with each other in the conduct of the proceedings;
 - (b) identifying at an early stage—
 - (i) the issues; and
 - (ii) who should be a party to the proceedings;
 - (c) deciding promptly—
 - (i) which issues need full investigation and hearing and which do not; and
 - (ii) the procedure to be followed in the case;
 - (d) deciding the order in which issues are to be resolved;
 - (e) encouraging the parties to use an alternative dispute resolution procedure if the court considers that appropriate and facilitating the use of such procedure;
 - (f) helping the parties to settle the whole or part of the case;
 - (g) fixing timetables or otherwise controlling the progress of the case;
 - (h) considering whether the likely benefits of taking a particular step justify the cost of taking it;
 - (i) dealing with as many aspects of the case as it can on the same occasion;
 - (j) dealing with the case without the parties needing to attend at court;
 - (k) making use of technology; and
 - (l) giving directions to ensure that the case proceeds quickly and efficiently.