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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2011 No. 1709**

**The Criminal Procedure Rules 2011**

**PART 29**

**MEASURES TO ASSIST A WITNESS OR DEFENDANT TO GIVE EVIDENCE**

*SECTION 3: SPECIAL MEASURES DIRECTIONS*

**Application to vary or discharge a special measures direction**

- 29.11.**—(1) A party who wants the court to vary or discharge a special measures direction must—
- (a) apply in writing, as soon as reasonably practicable after becoming aware of the grounds for doing so; and
  - (b) serve the application on—
    - (i) the court officer, and
    - (ii) each other party.
- (2) The applicant must—
- (a) explain what material circumstances have changed since the direction was given (or last varied, if applicable);
  - (b) explain why the direction should be varied or discharged; and
  - (c) ask for a hearing, if the applicant wants one, and explain why it is needed.

*[Note. Under section 20 of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999, the court can vary or discharge a special measures direction—*

- (a) on application, if there has been a material change of circumstances; or*
- (b) on the court's own initiative.]*