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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 1490**

**The Criminal Procedure Rules 2015**

**PART 19**

**EXPERT EVIDENCE**

**Expert's duty to the court**

- 19.2.**—(1) An expert must help the court to achieve the overriding objective—
- (a) by giving opinion which is—
    - (i) objective and unbiased, and
    - (ii) within the expert's area or areas of expertise; and
  - (b) by actively assisting the court in fulfilling its duty of case management under rule 3.2, in particular by—
    - (i) complying with directions made by the court, and
    - (ii) at once informing the court of any significant failure (by the expert or another) to take any step required by such a direction.
- (2) This duty overrides any obligation to the person from whom the expert receives instructions or by whom the expert is paid.
- (3) This duty includes obligations—
- (a) to define the expert's area or areas of expertise—
    - (i) in the expert's report, and
    - (ii) when giving evidence in person;
  - (b) when giving evidence in person, to draw the court's attention to any question to which the answer would be outside the expert's area or areas of expertise; and
  - (c) to inform all parties and the court if the expert's opinion changes from that contained in a report served as evidence or given in a statement.