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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 1185**

**The Solicitors (Disciplinary Proceedings) Rules 2019**

**PART 3**

**Applications**

**CHAPTER 1**

**Applications by the Law Society and lay applications**

**Adjournment of application pending Law Society investigation**

**16.**—(1) The [<sup>F1</sup>Tribunal] may adjourn the consideration of the question of whether to certify any application to which this Rule applies for an initial period of up to three months to enable the Society to carry out its own investigations and consider whether to—

- (a) initiate its own application; or
- (b) by agreement with the applicant, take over conduct of the application.

(2) After the expiration of the initial adjournment period, the application may be referred to a panel on the first available date for further review and consideration, subject to the provisions of paragraph (3).

(3) If at the expiration of the period specified by the Tribunal under paragraph (1) the Society has not made a decision as to whether to initiate or take over the conduct of an application, the Tribunal may adjourn the matter for a further period of up to three months, after which the application must be referred to a panel on the first available date for further review and consideration.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Word in rule 16(1) substituted (25.5.2020) by [The Solicitors \(Disciplinary Proceedings\) \(Amendment\) Rules 2020 \(S.I. 2020/462\)](#), rules 1(2), **9**
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**Commencement Information**

- I1** [Rule 16](#) in force at 25.11.2019, see [rule 1](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Solicitors (Disciplinary Proceedings) Rules 2019, Section 16.