
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1185

The Solicitors (Disciplinary Proceedings) Rules 2019

PART 5
EVIDENCE

Adverse inferences

33. Where a respondent fails to—

- (a) send or serve an Answer in accordance with a direction under rule [20\(2\)\(b\)](#); or
- (b) give evidence at a substantive hearing or submit themselves to cross-examination;

and regardless of the service by the respondent of a witness statement in the proceedings, the Tribunal is entitled to take into account the position that the respondent has chosen to adopt and to draw such adverse inferences from the respondent's failure as the Tribunal considers appropriate.

Commencement Information

II [Rule 33](#) in force at 25.11.2019, see [rule 1](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 25/11/2019.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Solicitors (Disciplinary Proceedings) Rules 2019, Section 33.