
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 759

The Criminal Procedure Rules 2020

PART 25

TRIAL AND SENTENCE IN THE CROWN COURT

Application to vacate a guilty plea

- 25.5.**—(1) This rule applies where a party wants the court to vacate a guilty plea.
- (2) Such a party must—
- (a) apply in writing—
 - (i) as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the grounds for doing so, and
 - (ii) in any event, before the final disposal of the case, by sentence or otherwise; and
 - (b) serve the application on—
 - (i) the court officer, and
 - (ii) the prosecutor.
- (3) Unless the court otherwise directs, the application must—
- (a) explain why it would be unjust for the guilty plea to remain unchanged;
 - (b) indicate what, if any, evidence the applicant wishes to call;
 - (c) identify any proposed witness; and
 - (d) indicate whether legal professional privilege is waived, specifying any material name and date.