
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 45

The Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Rules 2022

Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Rules

3. In Part 3 (Case management)—

(a) in rule 3.3 (The duty of the parties)—

- (i) renumber paragraph (2)(g) as (2)(h),
- (ii) at the end of paragraph (2)(f) delete “and”, and
- (iii) after paragraph (2)(f) insert—

“(g) alerting the court to any potential need for a witness to be accompanied while giving evidence, and in that event—

- (i) identifying a proposed companion,
- (ii) naming that person, if possible, and
- (iii) explaining why that person would be an appropriate companion for the witness, including the witness’ own views; and”;

(b) in rule 3.8 (Case preparation and progression), for paragraph (6) substitute—

“(6) Facilitating the participation of any person includes—

- (a) giving directions for someone to accompany a witness while the witness gives evidence, including directions about seating arrangements for that companion; and
- (b) giving directions for the appropriate treatment and questioning of a witness or the defendant, especially where the court directs that such questioning is to be conducted through an intermediary.”