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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 3444**

**The Courts-Martial (Royal Air Force) Rules 2007**

**PART 4**

**WITNESSES**

**Issue of witness summons and variation of requirements**

- 31.**—(1) The judge advocate may issue or withdraw a witness summons with or without a hearing.
- (2) A hearing under this Part must be in private unless the judge advocate otherwise directs.
- (3) The judge advocate may—
- (a) shorten or extend (even after it has expired) a time limit under this Part; and
  - (b) where a rule or direction requires an application under this Part to be in writing, allow that application to be made orally instead.
- (4) Someone who wants the judge advocate to allow an application to be made orally under paragraph (3)(b) must—
- (a) give as much notice as the urgency of his application permits to those on whom he would otherwise have served an application in writing; and
  - (b) in doing so explain the reasons for the application and for wanting the judge advocate to consider it orally.