
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 3444

The Courts-Martial (Royal Air Force) Rules 2007

PART 10

PROCEEDINGS AT TRIAL

The case for the defence

71.—(1) After the close of the case for the prosecution, the judge advocate shall satisfy himself that the accused understands—

- (a) that he may give evidence in his defence if he so wishes but he is not obliged to do so;
- (b) the consequences of choosing to remain silent at trial;
- (c) that, if he chooses to give evidence, he will be liable to be cross-examined by the prosecuting authority and questioned by the judge advocate; and
- (d) that he may call witnesses on his behalf.

(2) Where the accused intends to call a witness to the facts of the case, other than himself, he may make an opening address outlining the case for the defence before the evidence is given.