STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Armed Forces (Service Civilian Court) Rules 2009

PART 13

TRIAL PROCEDURE

Presence of witnesses

- **87.**—(1) Except for a defendant and any expert or character witness, a witness as to fact shall not, except by leave of the court, be in court while not under examination.
- (2) If while a witness is under examination a question arises as to the admissibility of a question or otherwise with regard to the evidence, the court may direct the witness to withdraw until the question is determined.
- (3) The court may direct any expert or character witness present in court to withdraw if it considers his presence undesirable.
- (4) For the purposes of this rule a witness is in court if he is able to see and hear the court through a live link (and for this purpose any impairment of eyesight or hearing is to be disregarded).