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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 1490**

The Criminal Procedure Rules 2015

PART 3

CASE MANAGEMENT

*GENERAL RULES*

**The duty of the court**

- 3.2.**—(1) The court must further the overriding objective by actively managing the case.
- (2) Active case management includes—
- (a) the early identification of the real issues;
  - (b) the early identification of the needs of witnesses;
  - (c) achieving certainty as to what must be done, by whom, and when, in particular by the early setting of a timetable for the progress of the case;
  - (d) monitoring the progress of the case and compliance with directions;
  - (e) ensuring that evidence, whether disputed or not, is presented in the shortest and clearest way;
  - (f) discouraging delay, dealing with as many aspects of the case as possible on the same occasion, and avoiding unnecessary hearings;
  - (g) encouraging the participants to co-operate in the progression of the case; and
  - (h) making use of technology.
- (3) The court must actively manage the case by giving any direction appropriate to the needs of that case as early as possible.