
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 1035

The Court of Protection Rules 2017

PART 18

CHANGE OF SOLICITOR

Change of solicitor

- 18.1.**—(1) This rule applies where a party to proceedings—
- (a) for whom a solicitor is acting wants to change solicitor or act in person; or
 - (b) after having conducted the proceedings in person, appoints a solicitor to act on his or her behalf (except where the solicitor is appointed only to act as an advocate for a hearing).
- (2) The party proposing the change must—
- (a) file a notice of the change with the court; and
 - (b) serve the notice of the change on every other party to the proceedings and, if there is one, on the solicitor who will cease to act.
- (3) The notice must state the party's address for service.
- (4) The notice filed at court must state that it has been served as required by paragraph (2)(b).
- (5) Where there is a solicitor who will cease to act, that solicitor will continue to be considered the party's solicitor unless and until—
- (a) the notice is filed and served in accordance with paragraphs (2), (3) and (4); or
 - (b) the court makes an order under rule 18.3 and the order is served in accordance with that rule.