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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 1185**

**The Solicitors (Disciplinary Proceedings) Rules 2019**

**PART 1**

Introductory

**The overriding objective**

4.—(1) The overriding objective of these Rules is to enable the Tribunal to deal with cases justly and at proportionate cost.

- (2) The Tribunal will seek to give effect to the overriding objective when it—
  - (a) exercises any power under these Rules; or
  - (b) interprets any rule or practice direction.
- (3) Dealing with a case justly and at proportionate cost includes, so far as is practicable—
  - (a) ensuring that the parties are on an equal footing;
  - (b) ensuring that the case is dealt with efficiently and expeditiously;
  - (c) saving expense;
  - (d) dealing with the case in ways which are proportionate to the nature, importance and complexity of the issues.
- (4) The parties are required to help the Tribunal to further the overriding objective set out above.