
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 3132

The Civil Procedure Rules 1998

PART 3

THE COURT'S CASE [^{F1}AND COSTS] MANAGEMENT POWERS

[^{F1}SECTION 1

Case Management]

[^{F1}Case management – unrepresented parties

3.1A.—(1) This rule applies in any proceedings where at least one party is unrepresented.

(2) When the court is exercising any powers of case management, it must have regard to the fact that at least one party is unrepresented.

(3) Both the parties and the court must, when drafting case management directions in the multi-track [^{F2}, intermediate track] and fast track, take as their starting point any relevant standard directions which can be found online at www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/civil and adapt them as appropriate to the circumstances of the case.

(4) The court must adopt such procedure at any hearing as it considers appropriate to further the overriding objective.

(5) At any hearing where the court is taking evidence this may include—

- (a) ascertaining from an unrepresented party the matters about which the witness may be able to give evidence or on which the witness ought to be cross-examined; and
- (b) putting, or causing to be put, to the witness such questions as may appear to the court to be proper.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Rule 3.1A inserted (1.10.2015) by [The Civil Procedure \(Amendment No. 4\) Rules 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1569\)](#), rules 1(2), 5

F2 Words in rule 3.1A(3) inserted (1.10.2023) by [The Civil Procedure \(Amendment No. 2\) Rules 2023 \(S.I. 2023/572\)](#), rules 1(1), 5(1) (with rule 2)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Civil Procedure Rules 1998, Section 3.1A.