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The Family Procedure Rules 2010

PART 24

[^{F1}WITNESSES AND DEPOSITIONS GENERALLY]

CHAPTER 1

WITNESSES AND DEPOSITIONS

Time for serving a witness summons

24.4.—(1) The general rule is that a witness summons is binding if it is served at least 7 days before the date on which the witness is required to attend before the court.

(2) The court may direct that a witness summons is binding although it is served less than 7 days before the date on which the witness is required to attend before the court.

(3) A witness summons which is—

- (a) served in accordance with this rule; and
- (b) requires the witness to attend court to give evidence,

is binding until the conclusion of the hearing at which the attendance of the witness is required.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [rule 24.4](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Family Procedure Rules 2010 and Court of Protection Rules 2017 \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/517\)](#), regs. 1(1), **16(3)** (with [reg. 25](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1493](#), regs. 1(1), 8(2)(d)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- Rules applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2018/1125 reg. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2018/1125, reg. 8 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (c. 24), s. 4(3), Sch. 5 para. 4(4))
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- rule 3.8(1)(l)(i) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1324 rule 11\(h\)\(iii\)\(aa\)](#)
- rule 3.8(1)(m) omitted by [S.I. 2023/1324 rule 11\(i\)](#)
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