#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2017 No. 1035

## The Court of Protection Rules 2017

## **PART 20**

#### **APPEALS**

## **Determination of appeals**

- **20.14.**—(1) An appeal shall be limited to a review of the decision of the first instance judge unless—
  - (a) a practice direction makes different provision for a particular category of appeal; or
  - (b) the appeal judge considers that in the circumstances of the appeal it would be in the interests of justice to hold a re-hearing.
  - (2) Unless the appeal judge orders otherwise, the appeal judge shall not receive—
    - (a) oral evidence; or
    - (b) evidence that was not before the first instance judge.
  - (3) The appeal judge shall allow an appeal where the decision of the first instance judge was—
    - (a) wrong; or
    - (b) unjust, because of a serious procedural or other irregularity in the proceedings before the first instance judge.
- (4) The appeal judge may draw any inference of fact that the appeal judge considers justified on the evidence.
- (5) At the hearing of the appeal, a party may not rely on a matter not contained in the appellant's or respondent's notice unless the appeal judge gives permission.