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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 759**

**The Criminal Procedure Rules 2020**

**PART 1**

**THE OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE**

**The duty of the participants in a criminal case**

- 1.2.**—(1) Each participant, in the conduct of each case, must—
- (a) prepare and conduct the case in accordance with the overriding objective;
  - (b) comply with these Rules, practice directions and directions made by the court; and
  - (c) at once inform the court and all parties of any significant failure (whether or not that participant is responsible for that failure) to take any procedural step required by these Rules, any practice direction or any direction of the court. A failure is significant if it might hinder the court in furthering the overriding objective.
- (2) Anyone involved in any way with a criminal case is a participant in its conduct for the purposes of this rule.