

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION – CHANGE OF SOLICITOR**

*This practice direction supplements Part 18 of the Court of Protection Rules 2007*

### **PRACTICE DIRECTION A – CHANGE OF SOLICITOR**

#### **General**

1. Part 18 contains rules about a change of solicitor. This practice direction is made under rule 154 and specifies the forms and procedures to be used in relation to a change of solicitor in specified circumstances.

#### **Where COP30 form should be used**

2. A COP30 form should be used where a party to proceedings:
  - (a) for whom a solicitor is acting, wishes to change his solicitor, or intends to act in person; or
  - (b) having conducted the proceedings in person, appoints a solicitor to act on his behalf (this requirement does not apply where a solicitor is appointed only to act as an advocate for a hearing).

#### **Where COP9 form should be used**

3. A COP9 form should be used where:
  - (a) a solicitor applies for an order declaring that he has ceased to be the solicitor acting for a party; or
  - (b) another party applies for an order declaring that the solicitor has ceased to be the solicitor acting for another party in the proceedings.