

PRACTICE DIRECTION 18A – CHANGE OF SOLICITOR

This practice direction supplements Part 18 of the Court of Protection Rules 2017

General

1. Part 18 contains rules about a change of solicitor. This practice direction is made under rule 18.5 and specifies the forms and procedures to be used in relation to a change of solicitor in specified circumstances.

Where Form COP30 should be used

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

Where Form COP9 should be used

3. Form COP9 should be used where—
- (a) a solicitor applies for an order declaring that he or she 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.