

Vulnerable witnesses in civil proceedings: *The new rules*

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This webinar is essential viewing for those who act for vulnerable clients

New rules are coming into force on the 6th April 2021.

These change the rules so that the overriding objective contains express reference to vulnerable witnesses. There is a new practice direction that deals with case management and vulnerable witnesses.

This webinar

- Looks at the new rules and Practice Direction in detail
- Examines the reports that led to the new rules
- Considers how the new rules are likely to be implemented in practice
- Looks how these issues are dealt with in the family and other jurisdictions and what lessons can be learnt by the civil courts



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