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## FOIL UPDATE 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023



### CPR Update

The 159<sup>th</sup> Practice Direction Update to the Civil Procedure Rules, came into force at 11am today, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023. It provides a suite of amendments to two pilot Practice Directions (PD), namely PD 51R the Online Civil Money Claims Pilot and PD 51ZB the Damages Claims Pilot.

The following amendment is made to **PD 51R** for Online Civil Money Claims (OCMC) which enables:

- an online 'Notice of Change of legal representative' to be introduced into OCMC. This allows a newly appointed legal representative to assign themselves to a claim to replace the former legal representative of a party in a case.

The following amendments are made to **PD 51ZB** for the Damages Claims Portal (DCP) which enable:

- Certificate of Service functionality to be introduced in to the DCP, along with related amendments in relation to digital notices of change of legal representative.
- In addition, an update amendment is made to replace a reference to the CCMCC (County Court Money Claims Centre) with a reference to the CNBC (Civil National Business Centre). This amendment is consequential on the establishment of the CNBC, which will handle the business previously allocated to the CCMCC and the County Court Business Centre.

Full details may be found at: [https://www.justice.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/177762/cpr-159-pd-making-document.pdf](https://www.justice.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/177762/cpr-159-pd-making-document.pdf)

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