

### **Rule 29. Motion for Judgment of Acquittal**

(a) Motions for directed verdict are abolished and motions for judgment of acquittal shall be used in their place. The Family Court on motion of a respondent or of its own motion shall order the entry of judgment of acquittal of 1 or more offenses charged in the petition after the evidence on either side is closed if the evidence is insufficient to sustain a conviction of such offense or offenses. If a respondent's motion for judgment of acquittal at the close of the evidence offered by the Office of the Attorney General is not granted, the respondent may offer evidence without having reserved the right.

(b) [Excluded].

(c) [Excluded].

### **COMMENT**

This Rule is substantially similar to *FRCrP 29(a)*. *FRCrP 29(b)* "Reservation of Decision on Motion" and section (c) "Motion After Discharge of Jury" have been excluded as unnecessary with no jury.