



SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PUBLIC NOTICE - COVID-19

The following directions in relation to the business of the Supreme Court of Western Australia (including the Court of Appeal) are effective immediately.

Attendance at Court buildings

Any person proposing to attend the Court who has flu-like symptoms or who has travelled overseas in the last 14 days is directed not to enter the Court precincts (including courtrooms, hearing rooms and registries). This direction applies to legal practitioners, parties, witnesses, media and members of the public. Legal practitioners or parties impacted by this direction should immediately contact the associate to the judicial officer before whom their matter is listed. Contact details may be found on the Court's website.

While the Court remains open to the public, the Court recommends that only legal practitioners, parties, witnesses and media should attend court hearings. Other members of the public are requested not to attend.

Registries

Wherever practical all documents presented for filing with the Court (including the Court of Appeal) should be presented for filing electronically (including by email or facsimile) or by registered post.

General Division:

Email: central.office@justice.wa.gov.au

Facsimile: 08 9421 5353

Court of Appeal:

Email: courtofappeal.filing@justice.wa.gov.au

Facsimile: 08 9421 5471

Presentation of documents by attendance at the registries should be avoided wherever possible.

Documents filed electronically, by email or by facsimile must comply with Order 67A of the *Rules of the Supreme Court* and Practice Direction 1.2.2. The Principal Registrar has provided the necessary permission pursuant to Order 67A for filing in accordance with this notice.

Legal practitioners or parties seeking to inspect documents produced under subpoena are advised to make arrangements in advance to avoid unnecessary attendances at the Court building (by email on central.office@justice.wa.gov.au).

Chambers hearings, judgment delivery and general division appeals

Wherever possible, all directions hearings, case management conferences and strategic conferences will be conducted by telephone. Legal practitioners or parties involved in such hearings should contact the associate to the judicial officer before whom the matter is listed.

At the discretion of individual judicial officers, delivery of judgment may be conducted by telephone or on the papers by prior arrangement.

At the discretion of individual judicial officers, contested chambers hearings or General Division appeals (civil and criminal) may be conducted by telephone or on the papers by prior arrangement. Personal attendance at mediation hearings is at the discretion of individual judicial officers.

Civil Trials

Civil trials and applications before judges will continue as listed. The above directions in relation to attendances at Court buildings apply to all civil trials and applications.

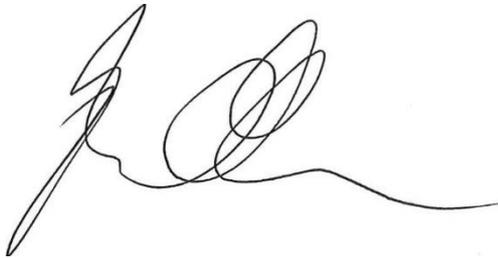
Save in exceptional circumstances, documents (other than exhibits) should not be handed up in open court. Additional documents to be provided by counsel or parties should be provided, electronically, in advance of the hearing.

Criminal Trials

Arrangements in relation to criminal trials are under review and will be the subject of separate public notice.

Any further updates to the above advice will be made available on the Court's website.

Dated 16 March 2020.

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The Hon Justice Peter Quinlan
Chief Justice of Western Australia