

Procedural Changes to Criminal & Civil Lists at the Sydney District Court, commencing on 18 March 2020

In response to concerns about the spread of Coronavirus, the Court will be implementing the following procedural changes, commencing on Wednesday 18 March 2020.

Criminal Lists at the Sydney District Court

- The arraignment lists that are conducted in Court 3.1 on Friday of each week will be divided into matters for arraignment and matters for sentence. Matters for arraignment will commence at 9:30am whereas matters for sentence will not commence until 11:00am. Lawyers and their clients must not enter the courtroom until their matter is called. The Court will continue to where possible the use of AVL facilities for these lists. Lawyers should check the court list to determine when their matter is to be heard.
- For the trial call-over conducted at 9:30am each Monday in Court 3.1, lawyers and their clients must remain outside the courtroom until their matter is called.
- The Readiness Hearings presently conducted in Court 21A John Maddison Tower will be re-arranged and conducted to enable lawyers to appear by AVL (where possible) or to attend the Readiness Hearing by telephone. Precise arrangements for the Readiness Hearing List will be notified to lawyers who have matters in the list in the near future.

Civil Lists at the Sydney District Court

Judge's Lists

Until further notice, all lists and directions hearings conducted by Judges in the District Court in John Maddison Tower will be managed by interval sittings as follows:

1. Parties must only attend John Maddison Tower for their listing at the allocated time.
2. Parties must not enter the courtroom allocated for the listing until the matter is called.
3. Parties must depart the courtroom when their matter is completed.

The Judge's lists included in the above are the List Judge's List, the Defamation List, the Professional Negligence List, the Care List and the Approval List. Lawyers should check the court list to determine when their matter is to be heard.

General List

Until further notice, the General List managed by the Judicial Registrar in Court 7D of John Maddison Tower will be conducted as follows:

1. In the Online Court.
2. Where the matter is not eligible for the Online Court, by telephone directions.

To attend a listing by telephone, dial the following number and use the following PIN at the time allocated for the listing:

DIAL: 1800 062 923
PIN: 7762 8770 9768

Motions List

Until further notice, the Motions List managed by the Assistant Registrars in Court 4A on Fridays will be conducted as follows:

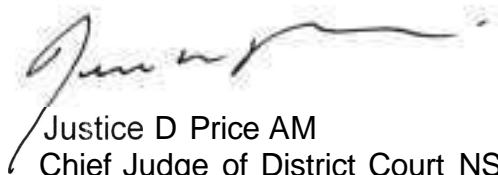
1. In the Online Court.
2. Where the matter is not eligible for the Online Court, by attending the listing in Court 4A at the allocated time.
3. Parties must not enter Court 4A for the listing until the matter is called.

Parties must conduct management of the motion in accordance with the requirements of Civil Practice Note 1B, including:

1. Commencing an Online Court request by 2pm and completing it by 6pm the Wednesday before the listing:
2. Requesting any case management orders for the motion.
3. Indicating if the motion is ready to be heard on the Friday listing and if so, an accurate estimate of the hearing.
4. If a special fixture is required, to request a hearing date to be allocated in the Online Court.

Criminal Lists in the District Court at venues other than the Sydney District Court

Lawyers will be notified of any procedural changes by the List Judge or the resident Judge.



Justice D Price AM
Chief Judge of District Court NSW
13 March 2020