**Taxation Directions Hearing on 16 March 2021**

**Commencing at 9.30am By Zoom**

Dear Practitioners/Parties;

The Costs Court Taxation Directions Hearing will be conducted on 16 March 2021 before Judicial Registrar Gourlay via Zoom. For the foreseeable future all Directions Hearings will be conducted using Zoom until the Costs Court can return Court listed hearings.

**Consent orders:**

In order to manage the risks associated with COVID-19 where ever possible all parties, are expected to provide consent minutes **as soon as possible,** but no later than **2.00 pm on Thursday prior to the hearing date**.

Subject to compliance with the Costs Court Notice of Temporary Changes to Practice Note (see below), parties are expected to confer for the purpose of reaching agreement and provide consent minutes dealing with the upcoming hearing. Consent orders must be received in signed PDF and Word versions.

**Directions Hearings:**

In the event the parties cannot reach agreement and a party wishes to proceed with the scheduled Directions Hearing notwithstanding the above, please provide an explanation as to the urgency of the hearing, including your proposed orders and any submissions you wish to rely on by **2.00pm on Friday prior to the hearing date**. The Court will then consider the material and advise whether the hearing will proceed, whether it will be adjourned or whether the issue in dispute can be determined on the papers.

In the event a hearing is required, hearing times will be staggered and will be conducted via **an online platform**. Each appearing party must provide by **4.00pm on Friday prior to the Directions date** with the name of the individual appearing, their email address and contact phone number.

Please check the usual distributed list and any meeting invites for the time allocated for matter.

**Revised Costs Court Practice Note and Draft Orders:**

The revised [Costs Court Notice of Temporary Changes to Practice Note](https://www.supremecourt.vic.gov.au/law-and-practice/practice-notes/notice-to-the-profession-advice-on-temporary-changes-to-costs-court) which commenced on 1 April 2020. All parties are expected to comply with this Notice.

In addition the Court has published [Guidance for civil proceedings affected by coronavirus](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.supremecourt.vic.gov.au%2Fnews%2Fguidance-for-civil-proceedings-affected-by-coronavirus&data=02%7C01%7Cmcg%40supcourt.vic.gov.au%7C2d5f1fc546a1458a94a608d7e10c0271%7C20b1d71855194e79b28f550c3bae40f6%7C0%7C0%7C637225314004505951&sdata=iFMxMWjSpMgOFXWpBvCF33hYuqYgOJtJdXucq5otKuA%3D&reserved=0) and [Information about Virtual Hearings at the Court](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.supremecourt.vic.gov.au%2Flaw-and-practice%2Fvirtual-hearings&data=02%7C01%7Cmcg%40supcourt.vic.gov.au%7C2d5f1fc546a1458a94a608d7e10c0271%7C20b1d71855194e79b28f550c3bae40f6%7C0%7C0%7C637225314004515943&sdata=YG7kQHDYSIRAIGVhc3wWYHfpYuLxeVaqMi%2F1rjah8GA%3D&reserved=0) All Practitioners and Parties should familiarise themselves with these publications.

**Email:**

In the first instance, all correspondence with the Court in relation to all Costs Court Directions Hearing matters must be directed to [wood.associate@supcourt.vic.gov.au](mailto:wood.associate@supcourt.vic.gov.au) and [nigel.cooper@supcourt.vic.gov.au](mailto:nigel.cooper@supcourt.vic.gov.au)

Please inform any other interested parties.

Kind regards,

Associate

**Part A: New summons for taxation**

| **No.** | **File No.** | **Plaintiff** | **Defendant** |
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|  | S ECI 2021 00581 | Amir Fazli | Wentworth Lawyers & Partners |
|  | S ECI 2021 00536 | Kathleen Philomena Andrews (by her administrator Suzanne Mary Lyttleton) | SLF Lawyers |
|  | S ECI 2021 00477 | Chiropractic Board of Australia | Malcom Hooper |
|  | S ECI 2021 00441 | SLF Lawyers | Oz Healtheries |
|  | S ECI 2021 00328 | Linda Sadik | Baker Jones Lawyers |
|  | S ECI 2021 00172 | David Mallam | Mathews Family Law |
|  | S ECI 2021 00080 | Transport Accident Commission | Kyle Joseph Anedda |

**Late entries**

| **No.** | **File No.** | **Plaintiff** | **Defendant** |
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**Part B: Review, for mention, adjournments**

| **No.** | **File No.** | **Plaintiff** | **Defendant** |
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|  | S ECI 2020 04632 | Ruth Baig (by her administrator Suzanne Mary Lyttleton) | Stella Paradalis |
|  | S ECI 2020 04496 | Vahdat Beeta | Lander and Rogers |
|  | S ECI 2020 04387 | Thexton Lawyers Pty Ltd | Thomson Geer Lawyers |
|  | S ECI 2020 04027 | Nazim Nick Ramani & ors | De Marco Lawyers |
|  | S ECI 2020 03818 | Betty Twumwaa Jones | MGA Lawyers |
|  | S ECI 2020 03454 | Eventus Lawyers Pty Ltd | Kathryn Lee Richens |
|  | S ECI 2020 02265 | Eastbrooke Medical Centres Pty Ltd | Con Michos |
|  | S ECI 2020 01645 | Jennifer Jean Ludlow (in her personal capacity and as executor of the estate of Joyce Mary Gaze) | Roberts Beckwith Partners (a firm) |
|  | S ECI 2019 03894 | Pointon Partners | Ines Kalweit (as administrator of the estate of Bruce Desmond Andrews, deceased) |
|  | S ECI 2019 03297 | PBP Lawyers | Kathleen Beard |
|  | S ECI 2019 01314 | Jennifer Bennett (a pseudonym) | Farrar Gesini Dunn |
|  | S CI 2015 04516 | Brand Partners Commercial Lawyers | Greater Shepparton City Council |