**Costs Court Taxation Directions Hearing on 15 June 2021**

**Commencing at 9.30am By Zoom**

Dear Practitioners/Parties,

The Costs Court Taxation Directions Hearing will be conducted on 15 June 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 **12 noon on Thursday 10 June 2021**.

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 **9am on Friday 11 June 2021**. 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 **12 noon on Friday 11 June 2021** 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

Nigel Cooper

**Part A: New matters for taxation**

| **No.** | **File No.** | **Applicant** | **Respondent** |
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|  | S ECI 2021 01810 | Anne Kovacevic | Slater and Gordon Lawyers |
|  | S ECI 2021 01783 | Strover Nominees Pty Ltd | Tisher Liner FC Law Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 01773 | Stephen Robert Wood | A Abrahams & others t/as Lander and Rogers |
|  | S ECI 2021 01607 | Owners Corporation Plan No. RP000992 | Lora Stock |
|  | S ECI 2021 01567 | Brenton Emmerson and Nicole Emmerson | Natural Pools Australia Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 01524 | Alexander Demcesen | Destra Law Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 01513 | Minter Ellison | Promax Buildings Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 01512 | David Alan Free t/as LFS Legal | Raymond Douglas Bilson |
|  | S ECI 2021 01508 | Oldham Construction Lawyers Pty Ltd | Futurespec Pty Ltd and Michael Richard Hopkins |
|  | S ECI 2021 01504 | Xinrong Wang | Hutchinson Legal Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 01449 | Robert James Lawyers Pty Ltd | Paul Norris-Ongso |
|  | S ECI 2021 01369 | Shabbir Ahamad | Macpherson Kelley Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 01359 | Barbara Pearce | BN Law Ltd trading as Barry.Nilsson |
|  | S ECI 2021 01287 | Alcohol Countermeasure Systems (HK) Ltd | Davies Collison Cave Law Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 0938 | Megan Veronica Copas | Martin Glenn Jennings & Sarah Jennings |
|  | S ECI 2020 04606 | Australia Pacific Airports (Melbourne) Pty Ltd | Dayana Andrenacci |

**Late entries**

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**Part B: Adjournments, mentions and other matters**

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|  | S ECI 2021 01199 | Johns Lyng Insurance Building Solutions Pty Ltd | Pro Install Electrical Pty Ltd (in liq.) |
|  | S ECI 2021 01147, 01148, 01149, 01150, 01151, 01153 | Robert Murch and Robin Kissel | Paul, Sharlene and Susan Annesley |
|  | S ECI 2021 00536 | Kathleen Philomena Andrews (by her Administrator Suzanne Mary Lyttleton) | Eventus Lawyers Pty Ltd (trading as SLF Lawyers) |
|  | S ECI 2021 00477 | Chiropractic Board of Australia | Malcom Hooper |
|  | S ECI 2020 03454 | Eventus Lawyers Pty Ltd | Kathryn Lee Richens |
|  | S ECI 2019 01314 | Jennifer Bennett (a pseudonym) | Farrar Gesini Dunn |
|  | S CI 2015 04516 | Brand Partners Commercial Lawyers | Greater Shepparton City Council |