**Costs Court Taxation Directions Hearing on 27 July 2021**

**Commencing at 9.30am By Zoom**

Dear Practitioners/Parties,

The Costs Court Taxation Directions Hearing will be conducted on 27 July 2021 before Costs Registrar Conidi 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.

A time will be allocated when the final list is emailed out on the Monday prior to the hearing date.

**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 nigel.cooper@supcourt.vic.gov.au

Please inform any other interested parties.

Kind regards,

Nigel Cooper, Associate

**Part A: New matters for taxation**

| **No.** | **File No.** |  **Applicant** |  **Respondent** |
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|  | S ECI 2021 02426 | Stragans Accountants & Business Advisors Pty Ltd | Hicks Oakley Chessell Williams Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 02396 | Suad Trtovac | Slater and Gordon Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 02395 | John Jackson | Arnold Thomas and Becker |
|  | S ECI 2021 02220 | Fiorella Del Monaco | Thomas Flitner of Flitner & Company Lawyers |
|  | S ECI 2021 02219 | Fiorella Del Monaco | Velos & Velos Lawyers |
|  | S ECI 2021 02180 | Mick Skrijel | Ferraro + Co Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 02177 | Mick Skrijel  | Drew Gleeson |
|  | S ECI 2021 02172 | Graeme Cressey & ors | Rockwell Bates Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 02102 | Symmetric Homes Pty Ltd | Patricia Jones |
|  | S ECI 2021 02069 | John Hong Ping So  | Hua Li  |
|  | S ECI 2021 02066 | Slater & Gordon | Lidia Kirsch |
|  | S ECI 2021 02035 | Susan Janice Baulch and Andrew Baulch | Hayley Baulch |
|  | S ECI 2021 01992 | Richard Plomley | Garland Hawthorn Brahe |
|  | S ECI 2021 01941 | Zaparas Lawyers Pty Ltd | Suada Causevic |
|  | S ECI 2021 01743 | Valentina Kozovska | Jillian Johnston, trading as Johnston Construction Lawyers |

**Late entries**

| **No.** | **File No.** |  **Applicant** |  **Respondent** |
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**Part B: Adjournments, mentions and other matters**

| **No.** | **File No.** |  **Applicant** | **Respondent** |
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|  | S ECI 2021 01524 | Alexander Demcesen  | Destra Law Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 01199 | Johns Lyng Insurance Building Solutions Pty Ltd | Pro Install Electrical Pty Ltd (in liq.) |
|  | S ECI 2021 00561 | Nicole Burns | Henry Carus & Associates |
|  | 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 2021 00116 | Piper Alderman (Sydney) | Karma Systems Pty Ltd & Andrew Donaghey |
|  | S ECI 2020 03454 | Eventus Lawyers Pty Ltd | Kathryn Lee Richens  |
|  | S ECI 2020 01645 | Jennifer Jean Ludlow (in her personal capacity and as executor of the estate of Joyce Mary Gaze) | Roberts Beckwith Partners |
|  | S ECI 2019 00515 | Arthur Hallett | Robert James Lawyers |
|  | S ECI 2018 02829 | Denise Kennedy | Peter Schwarcz & Patricia Sharp |
|  | S CI 2015 04516 | Brand Partners Commercial Lawyers | Greater Shepparton City Council |
|  | S CI 2015 03364 | Julene Winn | ICA Lawyers |