**Costs Court Taxation Directions Hearing on 7 September 2021**

**Commencing at 9.30am By Zoom**

Dear Practitioners/Parties,

The Costs Court Taxation Directions Hearing will be conducted on 7 September 2021 before Judicial 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 **4.00 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 03056 | Monaco Solicitors | Leon Miller |
|  | S ECI 2021 03042 | Margaret Spong | Owners Corporation Common Property PS301496P |
|  | S ECI 2021 03035 | Carbone Lawyers | Arnold Thomas and Becker |
|  | S ECI 2021 03026 | Margaret Spong | Nowbay Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 03013 | Amanda Louise Silcock | KCL Law |
|  | S ECI 2021 02941 | Transport Accident Commission | Kenneth Siddel-Whipp |
|  | S ECI 2021 02900 | Transport Accident Commission | Stojka Tolevski |
|  | S ECI 2021 02858 | Transport Accident Commission | Chantelle Khouri |
|  | S ECI 2021 02852 | Elizabeth Van Prooyen  | Settle Safe Pty Ltd t/as Goodman Group Lawyers |
|  | S ECI 2021 02835 | Yanting Zhu | Austin Haworth & Lexon Legal (NSW) Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 02806 | Stylianos Antoniou t/as Antony, Sdrinis & Co, Lawyers & Consultants | Milan Tomasevic |
|  | S ECI 2021 02790 | Martin Pirrie | Nickolas Giorgio & Blair Loveday |
|  | S ECI 2021 02759 | April Arslan | Sam Andrew Steel |
|  | S ECI 2021 02723 | Linda Sadik | Altius Partners Lawyers |
|  | S ECI 2021 02675 | Giovanna (Jenny) Mulholland and David John Robert Mulholland | Craig Langdon |
|  | S ECI 2021 02657 | Greater Geelong City Council | Natjon Super Pty Ltd, Natalie Zammit and John Zammit |
|  | S ECI 2021 02650 | Bowman & Knox Lawyers | Thomas McArdle |
|  | S ECI 2021 02603 | Greater Geelong City Council | Ermanno Giurina as executor of the estate of C Nacinovich |
|  | S ECI 2021 02600 | N.A. Ackroyd & Others (t/as Adviceline Injury Lawyers) | Firas Houssein |
|  | S ECI 2021 02545 | Maurice Blackburn Lawyers | Andrew Piercy |
|  | S ECI 2021 02544 | Maurice Blackburn Lawyers | Gary Hancock |
|  | S ECI 2021 02526 | Professional Cabinets Pty Ltd | Charles Leonidas t/as Comlaw Barristers & Solicitors |
|  | S ECI 2021 02472 | Margalit Injury Lawyers | Sandra (Kim) Rogerson |
|  | S ECI 2021 02342 | Paul Robert Harris | Alexander John Collins t/as Collins & Collins |
|  | S ECI 2021 02102 | Symmetric Homes Pty Ltd | Patricia Jones |
|  | S ECI 2021 02023 | Thexton Lawyers Pty Ltd | VLSB & Thomson Geer |

**Late entries**

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

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|  | 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 | Rex Roberts (a pseudonym) | Ferraro + Co Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 01504 | Li Yang (a pseudonym) | Hutchinson Legal Pty Ltd |
|  | S ECI 2021 0116 | Piper Alderman Pty Ltd | Karma Systems Pty Ltd & Andrew Donaghey  |
|  | S ECI 2020 01074 | Shelley Walker (a pseudonym) | Aitken Partners Pty Ltd |
|  | S CI 2015 03364 | Julene Winn | ICA Lawyers |