



Supreme Court of Victoria

Practice Note SC Gen 24

Litigation Guardians

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Chief Justice has authorised the issue of the following Practice Note.
- 1.2 The purpose of this Practice Note is to promote understanding of the role of litigation guardians.

2. COMMENCEMENT

- 2.1 This Practice Note was issued and commences on 30 March 2026 and will apply to all current and future civil proceedings.

3. APPLICATION

- 3.1 This Practice Note applies to civil proceedings.

4. INFORMATION FOR LITIGATION GUARDIANS

- 4.1 Where a lawyer is preparing to commence or defend litigation in the Supreme Court which requires the appointment of a litigation guardian under order 15 of Chapter I of the Rules, they are to provide the proposed litigation guardian with the document "Litigation Guardians: A General Guideline to assist people asked to be Litigation Guardians" (the Guideline) available [via the Court's website](#).
- 4.2 Lawyers acting for litigation guardians in current proceedings should ensure the litigation guardian is given access to the Guideline.
- 4.3 The provision of the Guideline should be in addition to and not a substitute for the advice provided to the proposed litigation guardian about their specific circumstances.

AMENDMENT HISTORY

30 March 2026: This Practice Note was issued on 30 March 2026.

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