



## **NOTICE TO PRACTITIONERS**

### **SUPREME COURT INITIATIVE** **PROBATE ONLINE ADVERTISEMENTS**

The purpose of this notice is to give advanced notice to practitioners of a forthcoming initiative of the Supreme Court.

From a date, yet to be fixed, advertisements of an applicants' intention to apply for Probate and Administration will be required to be posted on the Supreme Court's website. The new initiative is intended to replace the existing procedures of advertising in either a Melbourne daily newspaper or, where applicable, in a country newspaper. To minimise inconvenience to practitioners it is envisaged a 6 month transition period will apply before all advertisements must be posted on the website. A fee which is yet to be determined will be prescribed for the service.

The objectives of moving to online advertisement are to:

- provide a single comprehensive point of publication for all advertisements;
- provide universal accessibility to interested persons including regional and overseas persons; and
- improve the visibility of advertisements for all persons.

The benefits identified include:

- the single authoritative site will be searchable by any person anywhere in the world 24 hours a day, 365 days a year;
- a sophisticated range of search facilities will be available that will enable searches to be conducted using parameters such as a nominated time frame, place of residence

of deceased, phonetic searches with ranked matches and known names linked to the correct legal name to facilitate search matching; and

- for the first time practitioners, trustee companies, individuals and the Court will be able to confirm instantly that the required advertisement has been placed.

The initiative is designed to ensure the best outcome for applicants, the legal profession and the Court.

Full details of the service will be published at a later date.

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