



Notice to the Profession

This Notice concerns the disclosure of information in connection with civil proceedings in the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Practitioners are reminded that:

1. Where a party seeks to prohibit or restrict the publication or other disclosure of information in connection with any proceeding (including not only the identity of the parties, but also the listing of the case, the fact of its existence and its status), the onus is on that party to seek an order under the *Open Courts Act 2013* ('Act').
2. Where a party seeks to restrict the inspection or copying of documents on the Court file, the onus is on that party to seek an order or direction by the Prothonotary under rule 28.05 of the *Supreme Court (General Civil Procedure) Rules 2005* ('Rules').

This position accords with the presumption in favour of the disclosure of information in connection with any Court proceeding, as set out in section 4 of the *Act*.

Parties seeking orders of this nature should comply with Order 82 of the *Rules* where it applies, and otherwise direct their application to the Prothonotary in the first instance (03 9603 9288).

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