

**Notice to the Profession**

**Post-mediation Directions Hearings in the Civil Circuit List**

From 1 July 2016, orders fixing an interlocutory timetable for proceedings in the Civil Circuit List will include an order for a post-mediation directions hearing to occur approximately two to three weeks following the date by which mediation is to have occurred.

Post-mediation directions hearings will generally take place via teleconference with Associate Justice Daly on the first Friday of each month during the Court’s sitting period.

At the post-mediation directions hearing the parties will be required to advise the Court:

1. whether the court ordered timetable has been complied with;
2. what issues remain in dispute;
3. whether it is proposed to seek leave to amend any pleading or join further parties;
4. whether the initial estimate of the length of the trial requires adjustment; and
5. whether the trial date can be maintained.

The dates of upcoming circuits and guideline dates for the timetabling of mediation and post-mediation directions hearings may be found on the Civil Circuit List page on the Court’s website:

[www.supremecourt.vic.gov.au/home/law+and+practice/specialist+areas+of+law/circuit+list/](www.supremecourt.vic.gov.au/home/law+and+practice/specialist+areas+of+law/circuit+list/%20)

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