



Supreme Court of Victoria

Practice Note No. 6 of 2008

ASSOCIATE JUDGES

1. The Chief Justice has authorised the issue of the following Practice Note.

Title

2. Upon the commencement of the *Courts Legislation Amendment (Associate Judges) Act 2008* on 17 December 2008 the office of Master of the Supreme Court is replaced with the office of Associate Judge. Each of the former Masters is now an Associate Judge. The Senior Master will be known as the Associate Judge who is the Senior Master and the Taxing Master will be known as the Associate Judge who is the Taxing Master.
3. Having consulted with the Council of Judges the Chief Justice has determined the following matters pertaining to the title of Associate Judges pursuant to s 9B of the *Supreme Court Act 1986*:
 - An Associate Judge is to be formally known as and referred to as The Honourable Associate Justice [surname].
 - In court, the appropriate form of address of and reference to an Associate Judge is “Your Honour” and “His or Her Honour”.
 - In judgments and similar writings the appropriate abbreviation for an Associate Judge is “AsJ”.

Robing

4. Associate Judges will robe in the same circumstances as Judges of the Court.

Existing Practice Notes

5. References in existing Practice Notes to Masters are to be read as references to Associate Judges.
6. References in existing Practice Notes to Masters by name who are now Associate Judges are to be read according to their new title.
7. References in existing Practice Notes to the Listing Master are to be read as referring to the Associate Judge responsible for listing. Associate Justice Kings continues to be responsible for listings.
8. Practice Note No 3 of 2002-Transcript in Civil Proceedings, does not apply to hearings before Associate Judges unless an Associate Judge so orders. Parties should anticipate that Associate Judges hearing the trial of a proceeding may order that there be transcript.
9. For the purposes of clarity, Practice Note No 9 of 1986 and Practice Note No 2 of 1993 no longer have effect.

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