



## **Notice to the Profession**

### **Changes to Commercial Court Lists and Establishment of Insurance List**

From 1 July 2016, the Commercial Court Judge-managed Lists will be re-modelled to enhance efficiencies in case management, accuracy of listings, data completeness and ease of use by the legal profession.

#### **New Commercial Court Lists**

Under the changes, General Commercial Court Lists A-E will be retired and existing matters in these Lists will be administratively transferred to the relevant managing Judge eg: matters in Commercial Court “List B” will be transferred to “Commercial List – Judd J”. Commercial Court matters not currently entered into Lists A-E but which are being managed by Commercial Court Judges will also be transferred to the relevant managing Judge ie: matters being managed by Hargrave, Digby, Sloss and Cameron JJ. The table below summarises these changes.

Matters within the Commercial Court’s Specialist Lists will be unaffected.

#### **Insurance List**

In order to promote an efficient approach to the management of insurance disputes, the Commercial Court will establish an Insurance List commencing 1 July 2016. Justice Hargrave will be the Judge-in-Charge of the List.

The Insurance List will deal with insurance cases involving the construction of particular insurance or reinsurance policies, the interpretation of relevant legislation or the determination of questions of law which may have application to the insurance sector more broadly, especially where the underlying issue in dispute is of a commercial nature.

The Commercial Court homepage provides further information about the Insurance List and additional examples of the type of matters which may be initiated in the List:

<http://www.supremecourt.vic.gov.au/home/law+and+practice/specialist+areas+of+law/insurance/>

The Insurance List will not cover proceedings which would otherwise be more appropriately determined in the Common Law Division, particularly in its Personal Injuries, Dust Diseases Major Tort, Professional Liability or General Lists. Please refer to the Common Law Division's homepage for further details as to the type of matters which should be initiated in its Specialist Lists:

<http://www.supremecourt.vic.gov.au/home/law+and+practice/areas+of+the+court/common+law+division/>

### Summary of changes

A summary of the changes to the Commercial Court Judge-managed Lists is contained in the table below.

<b>Commercial Court Lists</b>	
<b>Pre- 1 July 2016 Commercial Court Lists</b>	<b>Post- 1 July 2016 Commercial Court Lists</b>
Commercial List A	Commercial List – Almond J
Commercial List B	Commercial List – Judd J
Commercial List C	Commercial List – Croft J
Commercial List D	Commercial List – Elliott J
Commercial List E	Commercial List – Sifris J
	Commercial List – Dodds-Streton JA
	Commercial List – Hargrave J
	Commercial List – Robson J
	Commercial List – Vickery J
	Commercial List – Digby J
	Commercial List – Sloss J
	Commercial List – Cameron J
Corporations List	Corporations List
Admiralty List	Admiralty List
Arbitration List	Arbitration List
Intellectual Property List	Intellectual Property List
Taxation List	Taxation List
Technology, Engineering and Construction (TEC) List	Technology, Engineering and Construction (TEC) List
-	Insurance List (New)

Practitioners should adopt these new List headings on Court documents from 1 July 2016. Where a matter in a Judge-managed List is temporarily dealt with by another Judge (eg: in an urgent application or for the determination of a question of legal professional privilege), practitioners will not be required to change the List heading on Court documents.

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