

Dear Practitioners

Henceforth and until further notice, the usual Friday Commercial List, Technology and Construction List and Commercial Arbitration List will not be conducted in open Court.

Matters not disposed of by consent will be dealt with as follows:

The time for consent directions to be sent to his Honour Justice Hammerschlag will be extended to 4.00pm on Thursday prior to the List Day. Where there is no consent the parties are to forward to his Honour by 12.00 noon on the Friday List Day a brief position paper, (not exceeding one page for directions and two pages for motions) identifying what is in dispute and their respective positions on it.

If a hearing date is requested a range of mutual hearing dates should be provided.

His Honour will then determine matters in dispute on the papers unless a hearing is necessary and appropriate. If a party considers a hearing to be necessary and appropriate, it should state this and give reasons why. If a hearing is to be held it is likely to be by audio link or video link. The parties will be notified and arrangements made.

Matters which are not the subject of consent provided to the Associate by 12.00 noon on Thursday will appear in the list, notwithstanding that consent orders may be made later.

Enquiries are to be directed to his Honour's Associate, Colleen Sutton, preferably by email.