

Expedition, Adoption and Defamation Lists

Going forward as of today and consistently with the Chief Justice's announcement last week, proceedings in each of the above lists will be conducted as far as possible by telephone, videolink or on the papers.

If the parties reach an agreement as to the way forward, this may require particular arrangements to be put in place. Any arguments about how matters ought to be conducted should be had via telephone or on the papers in the first instance. Any consent matters should be dealt with by email prior to the matter coming before the Court.

It is imperative that parties cooperate with each other and the Court to reduce the need for parties to be in close proximity to each other and other parties.

As far as the conduct of any trial is concerned, not every courtroom in the building has videolink capacity. Depending upon the nature and length of the trial however suitable arrangements can and will be made.