

1996 Sittings of the High Court of Australia

Below is a copy of the Rule of court appointing the sitting dates for the High Court in 1996.

High Court of Australia Rule of Court

(As of the 5th day of September 1995)

It is ordered as follows:-

1. Sittings of the Court for the transaction of all such business as may be brought before it shall be held during the year 1996 at the places and commencing on the days hereunder mentioned, that is to say:

Canberra	-	Tuesday, 6 February 1996
Canberra	-	Tuesday, 5 March 1996
* Hobart	-	Monday, 18 March 1996 at 2.15pm
Canberra	-	Wednesday, 17 April 1996
Canberra	-	Tuesday, 11 June 1996
* Brisbane	-	Monday, 17 June 1996 at 2.15pm
Canberra	-	Tuesday, 6 August 1996
* Adelaide	-	Monday, 12 August 1996 at 2.15pm
Canberra	-	Monday, 2 September 1996
Canberra	-	Tuesday, 1 October 1996
* Perth	-	Monday, 7 October 1996 at 2.15pm
Canberra	-	Monday, 4 November 1996
Canberra	-	Monday, 2 December 1996

- * No sittings will be held unless there is sufficient business to warrant the attendance of the Court.

2. Sittings to hear applications for special leave to appeal will also be held at the places and on the days hereunder mentioned, that is to say:

Sydney	-	Friday, 5 February 1996
Melbourne	-	Friday, 5 February 1996
Sydney	-	Monday, 4 March 1996
Sydney	-	Monday, 15 April 1996
Sydney	-	Tuesday, 16 April 1996
Melbourne	-	Tuesday, 16 April 1996
Sydney	-	Monday, 5 August 1996
Melbourne	-	Monday 5 August 1996
Sydney	-	Friday, 13 September 1996
Sydney	-	Monday, 30 September 1996
Sydney	-	Friday, 13 December 1996
Melbourne	-	Friday, 13 December 1996

3. If there is insufficient business at a place at which applications for special leave to appeal are listed to be heard the sittings may be moved to another capital city.

4. The winter vacation shall being on Saturday, 22 June 1996. The summer vacation shall commence on Saturday, 14 December 1996.

— Carolyn Rogers

Legal Services – What do accountants think

A member of The Law Society provided us with this piece of information found in the Institute of Chartered Accountants publication.

A few months ago, the Institute conducted a survey of randomly selected members in business and practice (large, medium and small firms) to ascertain their use and satisfaction of legal services.

Here are some of the findings:

* Legal Advisor Selection:

• Referral/Word of Mouth	78%
• Via Direct Approach	7%
• Other	15%

* How many legal firms used:

• 1 only	11%
• 1 to 3	47%
• More than 3	42%

* Reasons for using more than 1 firm:

• Access to experts	79%
• Develop relationships	9%
• Other	13%

* Is quality accreditation important re: selection:

• Yes	18%
• No	43%
• Maybe	39%

*Main services accessed by accountants:

- Litigation Support
- Contracts/Trusts
- Taxation
- General Commercial Work

*Rating of services provided (1 = poor to 4 = excellent)

• Expertise	3.3
• Access to experts	3.3
• Service	3.1
• Responsiveness	2.9
• Value for money	2.7
• Fees	2.5

* Are legal advisors competitors to accountants:

• Yes	27%
• No	73%

These results are only a summary of the findings, which did indicate that views varied depending on whether in business or practice (and practice size). The question one could ask is how would lawyers rate accounting services, particularly on the area of expertise, service and value for money?

Members who would like to receive a copy of the findings can ring Anne Lutz at the ICA Officer on (08) 231 5926.