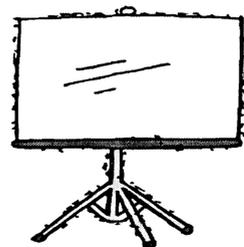


NOTICEBOARD



High Court Practice Direction 1 of 2000: Written Submissions

The High Court has issued a practice direction — *Written submissions and authorities: all full court matters except removal applications or leave or special leave applications* — which will come into effect in respect of matters set down for hearing in the June 2000 sittings of the Court.

The objects of the procedures contained in the Practice Direction are:

- (a) To provide detailed written submissions of the parties to an appeal or other proceeding before the Full Court so that the Justices may better understand the contentions of the parties before the hearing of the matter commences;
- (b) To enhance the utility of oral argument, in particular by identifying and focusing attention upon the central issue (or issues) in the matter; and
- (c) To avoid uncertainty or disputes about the documents that are required and the receipt of such documents.

The Practice Direction applies to all matters before a Full Court other than applications for leave or special leave to appeal and applications for removal pursuant to s40 of the Judiciary Act 1903 (Cth).

Bunnings withdraws discount card

Bunnings has notified the Law Society that the discount cards made available to Law Society members are no longer valid.

The reasons for the decision are outlined by Bunnings Manager, Ms Marilyn Green:

“It has always been Company policy not to broadly offer discounts due to our Every Day Lowest Prices policy... We offer a Trade Discount card to tradesmen only, so unfortunately this obviously does not encompass your members.”

Memorandum to Practitioners: Warrants of Seizure and Sale, Warrants of Possession, Warrants of Delivery

The ‘Memorandum to Practitioners of 15 November 1993 is withdrawn.

The following procedure shall apply when filing warrants of execution in the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory on or after 13 March 2000.

Three copies of the warrant shall be filed at the Supreme Court Registry along with the prescribed filing fee (\$100.00 at 90.03.2000).

Pursuant to Regulation 14 of the Sheriff Regulations an additional fee of \$160.00 shall also be paid at the time of filing fees and execution fee and both shall be made payable to ‘The Receiver of Territory Monies’ or ‘RTM’.

A supporting affidavit is to be prepared pursuant to Rule 68.04(3)(c) and will be served during execution of the warrant pursuant to Rule 68.04(4). Three copies of the affidavit are required.

After the warrant has been signed and sealed by the registrar, the Supreme Court Registry will return one copy of the warrant to the party filing it for the purposes of registration against the Title if necessary.

One of the remaining copies will be retained on the Supreme Court file and the other copy will be forwarded to the Sheriff’s Office for execution.

The party filing the warrant should also nominate a bailiff to execute the warrant. If no bailiff is nominated the Sheriff will appoint one.

The Sheriff may demand further fees during or after execution. Any fees not utilised will be refunded when the warrant is finalised.

Legislative Assembly Sittings Feb/March 2000

Introduced and passed legislation

Bills introduced

- Prisons (Correctional Services) Amendment Bill 2000 (Serial 215)
- Statute Law Revision Bill 2000 (Serial 217)
- Justices Amendment Bill 2000 (Serial 219)
- Juvenile Justice Amendment Bill (Serial 220)
- Revenue Units Bill 2000 (Serial 220)
- Water Amendment Bill 2000 (Serial 214)
- Fisheries Amendment Bill 2000 (Serial 226)

Bills passed

- Law of Property Bill 1999 (Serial 200)
- Land Title Bill (Serial 201)
- Criminal Code Amendment 1999 (Serial 202)
- Local Government Amendment Bill 1999 (Serial 207)
- Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Amendment Bill 1999 (Serial 208)
- Electricity Reform Bill 1999 (Serial 210)
- Utilities Commission Bill 1999 (Serial 211)
- Electricity Networks (Third Party Access) Bill 1999 (Serial 212)
- Power and Water Authority Amendment Bill 1999 (No.2) 1999 (Serial 213)
- Justices Amendment Bill 2000 (Serial 219)
- Juvenile Justice Amendment Bill (Serial 220)