

Succession — COVID 19 — ALL MATTERS BEFORE SUPREME COURT MASTERS

The Courts Administration Authority (CAA) is monitoring the Government's announcements and advice about COVID-19 and its management,

On March 17, 2020 the Supreme Court implemented the following:

All directions hearings will be via email:

- all adjournments will be by email; a Record of Outcome will be sent to all parties.
- if substantive orders are required, parties are to send in consent orders. A Record of Outcome will be sent to all parties.
- if parties cannot agree on consent orders, each party must set out their position with a brief explanation. The Master dealing with the matter will decide and email a Record of Outcome to all parties.
- emails for directions hearings are to be received by chambers by the time and date of the directions hearing.

All arguments will be dealt with on the papers. For arguments where there are currently orders in place advise chambers if further orders must be dealt with.

Final submissions must be received by chambers by the time and date on which the argument is currently listed.

Settlement conferences shall be held by telephone, or some other method agreed between the parties, without court involvement; shortly after the settlement conference, an email directions hearing will be convened to allow the parties to advise the Court of the outcome and for consequential orders to be made. Future settlement conferences will be listed on the basis that a time for an email directions hearing will be given, with the settlement conference to be held by that time.

All parties must consent to mediations taking place as usual; otherwise they will be postponed.