



**MAGISTRATES COURT
OF THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

NOTICE TO PRACTITIONERS

Changes to Criminal Listings

General Lists

The A1 – General List will no longer exist in 2024 and will be replaced with the following lists:

The **Registrar's general criminal list** will occur on Monday and Thursday each week commencing at 9:30am. This list will deal with short criminal matters such as first mentions, adjournment applications, return of subpoenas in criminal matters, pre-hearing mentions and listing matters for hearing.

Practitioners are encouraged to seek in-chambers orders for first mention adjournments by emailing Criminal Listings at MCListings@courts.act.gov.au and the Director of Public Prosecutions. If a defendant intends to plead guilty to an offence, practitioners are encouraged to email Criminal Listings and the Director of Public Prosecutions to list the matter directly before a magistrate for sentencing. The defendant must plead guilty to all charges before the court for direct listing before a magistrate. Practitioners must indicate an estimated time for sentence.

The **Magistrates' general criminal list** will occur on Monday and Thursday each week commencing at 10:00am. This list will deal with short sentence matters, committals for trial and any matters referred by the registrar from the Registrar's general criminal list. The list will deal with longer pre-allocated sentence matters from 11:30am until 1:00pm and 2:15pm until 4:15pm.

An additional Magistrate general criminal list will occur each Wednesday commencing at 10:00am. This list will hear shorter sentence matters, in addition to other matters adjourned from previous Monday and Thursday criminal lists. The list will deal with pre-allocated sentence matters from 2:15pm.

Regulatory lists (ANU/NCA, ATO/ASIC and RTA prosecutions) will be listed on Wednesdays between 2:15pm and 4:15pm approximately every 3-4 weeks in place of the general Wednesday afternoon sentence list.

Bail List

The A2 List will now simply be referred to as the Bail List.

The list will deal with pre-allocated sentence matters at 2.15pm.

Breach lists will occur every third Thursday after the Bail List in place of the sentence list.

Family Violence Lists

Family Violence Lists will occur on Tuesdays and Fridays between 9:30am and 1:00pm.

Family Violence Sentence matters will occur on Tuesdays and Fridays between 2:15pm and 4:15pm.

Circle Sentencing and Galambany Court

The Circle Sentencing List will occur on Tuesday between 9:30am and 11:00am.

Galambany Court will occur on Tuesdays between 11:00am and 4:15pm. And Wednesdays between 10:00am and 4:15pm.

The above listing practices commence on **11 January 2024**.



Helen Banks

Registrar

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