



# **SUPREME COURT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

## **NOTICE TO PRACTITIONERS**

### **Drafting Orders**

The Court expects practitioners appearing in proceedings before the Court to pay close attention to the formulation of the orders sought. Before drafting proposed orders or directions, whether for an originating process, an application in proceeding or a directions hearing, practitioners should first make themselves aware of the judicial power sought to be invoked and should specify with precision the way in which the court is asked to exercise that power. Where a particular statutory provision or rule is invoked, the language of the order should follow the language of the provision or rule.

For directions hearings, the directions sought should be prepared in advance and provided in draft to each affected party at least the day before the listing. Practitioners are expected then to discuss any proposed directions and to use their best endeavours to reach a consent position. Where there is a dispute as to the directions sought, one party should take the lead to prepare a single document that identifies the areas of contest.

Jayne Reece  
Registrar

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