



**SUPREME COURT  
OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL  
TERRITORY**

**MAGISTRATES COURT  
OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN  
CAPITAL TERRITORY**



### **JOINT NOTICE TO PRACTITIONERS**

#### **Junior Counsel**

The ACT Supreme and Magistrates Courts, along with the ACAT, encourage the participation of junior counsel in the presentation of cases in matters where two counsel are briefed for a party.

In practice, this is an encouragement to senior counsel to take an active role in looking for opportunities to divide the presentation of the case and to invite and encourage junior counsel to deal with discrete applications, take some of the witnesses and put the submissions on some of the issues. Active participation by both counsel in a case promotes the administration of justice by developing the skills of junior counsel as advocates, sharing the burden on senior counsel and enhancing the diversity of advocates.

This Notice follows the initiative of the Supreme Court of Western Australia, which has published a similar Notice, and is to be taken as an encouragement extended to practitioners from all jurisdictions who are briefed to appear in the Territory.

Dated: 18 August 2023

Chief Justice  
Supreme Court of the  
Australian Capital Territory

Chief Magistrate  
Magistrates Court of the  
Australian Capital Territory

Temporary President  
ACT Civil &  
Administrative Tribunal