

7. Interlocutory applications – Alice Springs and Katherine

ALICE SPRINGS

I refer to the Chief Justice's Practice Direction No 1/94* that interlocutory applications in Alice Springs are ordinarily to be heard by a Judge or the Master in Darwin, if necessary by teleconferencing, and advise the following procedures:

Alice Springs practitioners filing interlocutory applications by summons (*Form 46A*) together with any supporting affidavits at the Alice Springs Registry, shall advise by covering letter that the interlocutory application is to be conducted by teleconference between Alice Springs and Darwin. The Supreme Court Clerk at the Alice Springs Registry will issue the summons, after liaising with the Alice Springs List Clerk and the Darwin Sheriff's office –

- . if the application is to be heard by a Judge, for 10.15 am on a Thursday
- . if the application is to be heard by the Master, for 2.00 pm on a Wednesday

Sealed copies of the summons are returned to the filing party. The filed documents shall be sent to the Darwin registry by the Alice Springs registry in time for the hearing, together with the file if it is not already in Darwin for caseflow management purposes.

If an Alice Springs practitioner is served with an interlocutory summons issued in Darwin and wants to attend by teleconference, the practitioner must so advise the applicant and the Darwin and Alice Springs's List Clerks by fax as soon as possible.

The parties, at the time and date given, must either attend the Alice Springs Court House, where they will be shown into a conference room with teleconference facilities, or if appearing by Darwin agent or Counsel, the Darwin Supreme Court. If the application is to be heard by a Judge at 10.15 am on a Thursday, the practitioner should await a call from Darwin when convenient to the Judge. A practitioner may be requested to telephone the court at an appointed time. If the application is to be heard by the Master at 2.00 pm on a Wednesday, the applicant should ring 8999 7024 or 8999 7930 at the time given, for transfer to the relevant court.

KATHERINE

I refer to the Chief Justice's Practice Direction No 1/96* that a Judge or the Master may conduct interlocutory applications between Darwin and Katherine by means of teleconferencing and advise the following procedure:

Katherine practitioners filing interlocutory applications by summons (*Form 46A*) together with any supporting affidavits at the Darwin Registry by their Darwin agents, shall advise by covering letter that the interlocutory application is to be conducted by teleconference between Katherine and Darwin.

- . if the application is to be heard by a Judge, it will be issued for 10.15 am on a Thursday, after the List Clerk has liaised with the Katherine Court House for a suitable date.
- . if the application is to be heard by the Master, the request and summons will be forwarded to the Master's secretary who will liaise with the parties and with the Katherine Court House as to a suitable time and date for the application to be heard. The Master's secretary will issue the summons and return sealed copies of the summons to the filing party.

If a Katherine practitioner is served with an interlocutory summons issued in Darwin and wants to attend by teleconference, the practitioner must liaise with the Katherine Court and advise the applicant and the Darwin List Clerk by fax as soon as possible.

The parties, at the time and date given, must either attend the Katherine Court House where they will be shown into a conference room with teleconference facilities, or, if appearing by Darwin agent or Counsel, the Darwin Supreme Court. If the application is to be heard by a Judge at 10.15 am on a Thursday, the practitioner should await a call from Darwin when convenient to the Judge. A practitioner may be requested to telephone Darwin at an appointed time. If the application is to be heard by the Master, the applicant should ring 89997024 or 89997930 at the time given, for transfer to the relevant court.

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