

**SUPREME COURT  
OF THE  
NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA**

**PRACTICE DIRECTION  
No 5 of 2017**

**CHANGE OF THE TITLE OF MASTER TO ASSOCIATE JUDGE**

1. Upon the commencement of the *Supreme Court Amendment (Associate Judges) Act 2017* on 22 November 2017 the office of Master of the Supreme Court is redesignated as Associate Judge of the Supreme Court.
2. The following practices and protocols will thereafter apply with respect to Associate Judges.
3. An Associate Judge is to be formally known as and referred to as “The Honourable Associate Justice [*surname*]”.
4. In court, the appropriate form of address of, and reference to, an Associate Judge is “Your Honour”, “His Honour” or “Her Honour”, as the case requires.
5. In judgments and similar writings the appropriate abbreviation for an Associate Judge is “AsJ”.
6. Associate Judges will robe in the same circumstances as Judges of the Court.
7. Associate Judges will sit with the Judges of the Court on ceremonial occasions.
8. On social occasions an Associate Judge may be addressed as “Judge”.
9. References in existing Practice Directions, Master’s Memoranda and Registrar’s Memoranda to the “Master” or to “Masters” are to be read as references to an Associate Judge or Associate Judges, as the case requires, save that references to “Taxing Master” remain unchanged.

Dated: 20 November 2017

**Michael Grant  
Chief Justice**