



DISTRICT COURT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PRACTICE NOTE

Senior Judge Jennings has informed the Attorney General and me that the workload of the judges of the Industrial Relations Court has become such that, for the time being at least, they have the capacity to take on some of the workload of other courts. All of the judges of that court hold commissions as District Court judges.

After discussions involving the two courts and the Attorney General, the following administrative arrangements have been made:

- Judges sitting in the Licensing Court will be supplied by the Industrial Relations Court instead of by the District Court. Authority to sit in the Licensing Court has been conferred by proclamation on Senior Judge Jennings and Judge Gilchrist. The first sittings under that arrangement will begin on Monday 31 January 2011 and the Office of the Liquor and Gaming Commissioner will advise details of the call-over.
- From 31 January 2011 proceedings in the Dust Diseases List of the District Court will be managed through the interlocutory process and heard by judges located at the Industrial Relations Court, Riverside Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide. Senior Judge Jennings will be the judge supervising that list. This arrangement will help the court in meeting the need for dust disease actions to be dealt with expeditiously, especially in cases where an urgent hearing is required.
As judges can exercise the powers of masters, no changes to Practice Direction 4.5 are needed at this stage except for some contact details, but that will be kept under review. The Registrar will advise the parties as matters are transferred to North Terrace and those that are at an interlocutory stage before a master will be transferred at an appropriate time.
- Under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (SA) Act 2010, there are rights of appeal to the Administrative and Disciplinary Division of the District Court against decisions of the Health Practitioners Tribunal and in relation to some other matters. That Tribunal is co-located with the Industrial Relations Court. From 31 January 2011 these appeals will be case managed and heard by judges located at the Industrial Relations Court.

These arrangements do not affect existing Registry procedures.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sabina Stanger'.

Chief Judge
18 November 2010