

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO 19 OF 2021

SHORT NOTICE LIST

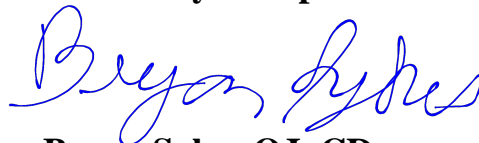
This Practice Direction supersedes Practice Direction dated March 19, 1996 and will come into effect on September 16, 2021.

1. There shall be a Short Notice List comprising civil cases in which parties require no more than twenty-four (24) hours notification to be ready for trial.
2. Cases on the Short Notice List must meet the following criteria:
 - (i) either there are no, or few, witnesses other than the parties, and any witness can be easily contacted; and
 - (ii) the case is estimated to last one (1) or two (2) days only, and the order made at the case management conference so states; and
 - (iii) the case is to be tried by a Judge alone.
3. At the case management conference, in addition to setting a trial date for a matter, the Master-in-Chambers or Judge shall inquire if it should also be placed on the Short Notice List, and if so shall set it down accordingly.
4. The attorneys-at-law for all parties to an action, and litigants-in-person where applicable, may in writing, jointly request that the Registrar set down an action on the Short Notice List, after the case management conference.
5. The provision in paragraph four (4) shall apply to matters in which a case management conference was held prior to the date of this Practice Direction, but which meet the criteria set out in paragraph one (1) above.
6. A Short Notice List shall be published on the Supreme Court's website on the first Monday of each month and the cases shall be listed

according to the date on which the Order was made at the case management conference or, in respect of paragraph four (4), the date on which the formal request from counsel was received.

7. Cases appearing on the Short Notice List shall come on for hearing in the order in which they are listed, subject to their compliance with the orders made at the case management conference.
8. Notification of the availability of a trial date for a matter on the Short Notice List shall be communicated by a telephone call confirmed by electronic mail to Counsel from the Registrar. Failure of the attorneys-at-law for all the parties to an action, and litigants in-person where applicable, to confirm acceptance of the trial date with the Registrar within an hour of the notification will result in withdrawal of the date offered and the matter will retain its position on the list.

Dated the 15th day of September 2021



Bryan Sykes OJ, CD

Chief Justice