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Legal Practitioners Act

The Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund Committee has determined, pursuant to section 90A, that legal practitioners holding an unrestricted practising certificate are required to pay the sum of \$100.00 to the Fidelity Fund in respect of the period of 12 months commencing on 1 October 2003. Dated 13th August, 2003.

T. COULEHAN
Chairperson

Ceasing To Act in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction:

A number of instances have been noted where practitioners intending to cease representing a client in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, have simply written to the Court advising that they cease to act. Whereas there is some provision for this to occur in the Local Court, the position in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction is that a practitioner who is noted on the Court file as having appeared before the Court on a matter, must obtain the leave of the Court to subsequently withdraw from that matter. That will require the attendance at Court of the practitioner or another practitioner on his or her behalf.

Notification of Regulations

Notice is given of the making of the following regulations, effective from the date of the 1 August 2003:

Regulations Empowering Act
Limousine Regulations *Commercial Passenger*
(No. 39 of 2003) (*Road Transport*)
Amendment Act
Amendments of Private *Commercial Passenger*
Hire Car Regulations (*Road Transport*)
(No. 40 of 2003) *Amendment Act*
Amendments of Minibus *Commercial Passenger*
Regulations (*Road Transport*)
(No. 41 of 2003) *Amendment Act*
Amendments of Taxis *Commercial Passenger*
Regulations (*Road Transport*)
(No. 42 of 2003) *Amendment Act*
Amendments of Passenger *Commercial Passenger*
Bus Regulations (*Road Transport*)

(No. 43 of 2003) *Amendment Act*
Amendments of Commercial *Commercial Passenger*
Passenger (Miscellaneous) (*Road Transport*)
Regulations *Amendment Act*
(No. 44 of 2003)

Copies of the regulations may be purchased at Northern Territory Government Publications, Government Printing Office, Railway Street, Parap, Darwin NT 0800, and the Alice Springs Access Centre, Westpac Building, Todd Mall, Alice Springs NT 0870.

Motor Vehicles Act

The instrument specifying rates of compensation contributions for the NT Motor Vehicles Act has been amended.

I, KONSTANINE VATSKALIS, the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure acting for and on behalf of the Treasurer, in pursuance of section 47(1) of the *Motor Vehicles Act* and with reference to section 43 of the *Interpretation Act*, amend, on and from 1 August 2003, the instrument specifying rates of compensation contributions dated 21 May 2003 and published in Gazette No. G28 of 28 May 2003 -

(a) by omitting from item C. of the Schedule paragraphs (2) and (3) and substituting the following:

“(2) Courtesy vehicle - where the vehicle has a seating capacity

- (a) for more than 9 persons (including the driver) - 402.15

(b) for not more than 9 persons (including the driver) - 402.15

(3) private hire vehicle - 592.15

(3A) limousine - 592.15”; and

(b) by adding at the end of item C. of the Schedule the following:

“(7) Special function vehicle - 402.15”

Dated 31 July 2003.

Minister for Transport and Infrastructure
acting for and on behalf of the Treasurer

Guidelines for the Child's Representative

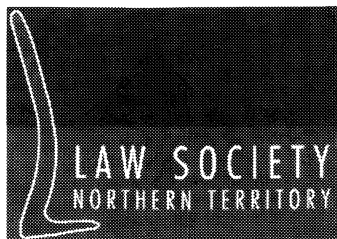
Family Court of Australia

Practice Direction: No. 3 of 2003

Applications for contact/residence during the Christmas School Holiday Period - National Filing Deadline

The Court has fixed a national filing deadline to allow the proper and expeditious hearing of contact and/or residence disputes during the 2003/04 summer school holiday period. Subject to numbers being within expected limits, the Court anticipates

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allocating hearing dates prior to Christmas for applications filed prior to the deadline. The Court cannot guarantee that applications filed after the deadline will be fixed for hearing prior to Christmas.

Which applications: All Form 8 or other applications seeking orders in relation to contact or a period of residence during the December 2003/January 2004 school holiday period.

Closing date for filing: 4pm on Monday 10 November 2003.

Consequences: Applications filed after 10 November 2003 will be allocated the next available date in the usual way. That date may be in 2004.

Exceptions: After 10 November 2003, applications to abridge times and list a matter on short notice can be made to Registry staff. The usual criteria for an urgent hearing will apply the fact that an application relates to school holiday contact will not itself justify a listing before Christmas.

The Honourable Justice JE Ellis
Acting Chief Justice
Family Court of Australia
15 August 2003

Offers of Compromise and Payments to Court

In order to ensure that no correspondence or other documentation relating to Offers of Compromise or Payments into Court reach the relevant Court file, practitioners are requested to ensure that all such documentation is delivered to the Registry in a sealed envelope and marked "Confidential for the attention of the Registrar".

Margaret Rischbieth
Registrar
20 August 2003

Proposed CLE seminar

If members are interested, the Law Society is proposing to run a CLE seminar on the Associations Bill and the Business Tenancies (Fair Dealings) Bill. Any interested members should contact Barbara Bradshaw on 8981-5104 or email bbradshaw@lawsocnt.asn.au

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