

GRAND COURT PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 1/95**(GCR O.1, r.12)****ARRANGEMENTS FOR LISTING OF CHAMBERS SUMMONSES**

This practice direction will take effect from 1st June, 1995 and will apply to every interlocutory summons having endorsed upon it a time estimate of ½ hour or less (hereafter called a "short summons") except for summonses issued by a litigant in person. Nothing in this practice direction shall prevent an urgent summons for injunctive or other relief being made the subject of a special appointment by arrangement with the Clerk of the Court.

A judge will sit on Thursday afternoon of each week (commencing Thursday, 8th June, 1995) from 2:15 p.m. for the purpose of hearing short summonses.

Any attorney wishing to issue a short summons must, before doing so, cause details thereof to be entered in an available time slot in the court's diary during an afternoon allocated for the hearing of short summonses.

It is the duty of every attorney issuing an interlocutory summons, whether or not it is a short summons, to endorse upon it an estimate of the anticipated length of the hearing in compliance with GCR 0.32, r.2(4) and to ensure that his estimate is realistic. Summonses other than short summonses will be the subject of a special appointment by arrangement with the Clerk of the Court.

If an attorney forms the opinion that the time estimate originally endorsed upon his summons has become unrealistic, he shall –

- (a) if he believes, for whatever reason, that the hearing will now take less than ½ hour, relist the summons as a short summons; or
- (b) if he believes, for whatever reason, that the hearing will now take longer than ½ hour, take it out of the short summons list and make application to the Clerk of the Court for a special appointment.

Applications for consent orders should only be made by short summons if the order involves the exercise of a judicial discretion. If the parties are entitled to the order as of right, it should be processed administratively in accordance with GCR 0.42, rules 5 and 5A.

DATED this 1st day of May, 1995.

Hon. George Harre, Chief Justice