



Magistrates' Court Victoria

Practice Direction

No. 2 of 2018

Applications to vary bail

Background

It has long been the practice in the Magistrates' Court that wherever practicable applications to vary bail are listed before the magistrate who originally granted bail.

The purpose of this Practice Direction is to formalise the Court's current practice in relation to bail variations, and to standardise the procedure for applications for refusal and revocation of bail as contained in section 18 of the *Bail Act 1977*.

Direction

If it is reasonably practicable to do so, an application to vary the amount or conditions of bail is to be heard by the same magistrate who originally granted bail.

Applications to vary the amount or conditions of bail are to commence with the filing of the attached form.

This Practice Direction commences from 9 April 2018

Peter Lauritsen
Chief Magistrate

Date: 4 April 2018