



Magistrates' Court Victoria

Practice Direction 3 of 2014

Silent Listings

A silent listing occurs when the name of an accused person does not appear in any list published by the Court of daily proceedings. In some cases, it is necessary for the safety of the accused that his or her name does not appear in such listings. Owing to the limitations of its electronic case management system, it is technically impracticable for the Court to use a pseudonym for an accused person. Accordingly, there is a need for this process.

Directions:

1. Unless the proceeding is already part-heard by a magistrate, then all applications for a silent listing of a criminal proceeding must be made to the Chief Magistrate and when he or she is unavailable, a Deputy Chief Magistrate;
2. The application must be in the attached form;
3. The application must be accompanied by an affidavit setting out the reasons for the making of an order for a silent listing;
4. The application and the affidavit in support must be filed at the Court at Melbourne with Stuart Pope, the Compliance and Standards Registrar or the person holding that position. Failing that, it should be filed with the Principal Registrar of the Court.
5. This Practice Direction commences on 12 March 2014.

**PETER LAURITSEN
CHIEF MAGISTRATE**

DATE: 11 March 2014