



Magistrates' Court of Victoria

Practice Direction

No. 8 of 2022

CIVIL JURISDICTION

Background

From Monday, 3 October 2022, the civil jurisdiction of the Magistrates' Court of Victoria will be the first jurisdiction to go-live with the new electronic Case Management System (CMS) being developed by Court Services Victoria in collaboration with the courts. CMS will replace all current modes of filing for practitioners.

Purpose

This Practice Direction applies to civil proceedings commenced under section 100 of the *Magistrates' Court Act 1989*, except for proceedings initiated under section 100(1)(ca) which relates to federal jurisdiction matters that cannot be determined by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

This Practice Direction is to be read in conjunction with Practice Direction 6 of 2022.

Filing of documents

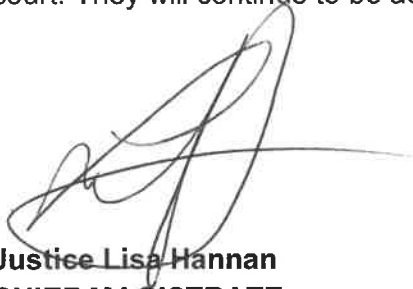
Represented parties

From 3 October 2022 all documents to be filed by a legal practitioner are to be filed via the CMS portal. Documents will not be accepted via the Electronic Data Interchange from this date.

Until 31 October 2022, at the discretion of a registrar at each venue, filing of documents via mail, over the counter or email by a legal practitioner may be accepted.

Self-represented parties

There is no change in the manner which a self-represented party will file documents with the court. They will continue to be accepted via mail, over the counter or email.

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**Justice Lisa Hannan
CHIEF MAGISTRATE**

Dated 28 September 2022