



FAMILY COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CASE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

The following Case Management Guidelines have been issued by the Chief Judge of the Family Court of Western Australia to commence on 1 September 2010.

They replace the Case Management Guidelines and Directions which commenced on 1 January 2008.

The Case Management Guidelines also apply to proceedings before the Magistrates Court, 150 Terrace Road, Perth and to country circuits where appropriate.

The Case Management Guidelines are intended to inform those who use the Court of how the Court's case management system works, the arrangements that regulate the progression of cases and the events which go to make up that progression.

Procedural obligations of parties to proceedings are dealt with in the Family Law Rules 2004 and the Family Court Rules 1998 (the Rules). These Guidelines are intended to be read in conjunction with the Rules and the Court's Family Violence Policy.

Within this context, individual matters will be dealt with on their facts and where there is good reason, the Court may permit departure from the Guidelines. In considering whether departure from the Guidelines is appropriate, the Court will not only give consideration to the effect on the individual case, but also on other cases awaiting hearing and the resources available.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Hackray'.

**STEPHEN THACKRAY
CHIEF JUDGE
FAMILY COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
31 AUGUST 2010**