



# FAMILY COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## PRACTICE DIRECTION

(No. 1 of 2017)

### **Preamble**

In proceedings under the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA) or the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth) a court may make a restraining order against a party or any other person who gives evidence in the proceedings: *Restraining Orders Act 1997* (WA), s 63(2).

Amendments to the *Restraining Orders Act 1997* (WA) that will come into effect on 1 July 2017 necessitate changes to forms prescribed under that Act.

As far as practicable, the Family Court of Western Australia will adopt the prescribed forms to be used by the Magistrates Court of Western Australia as from 1 July 2017.

### **Practice Direction**

1. For the purposes of the *Restraining Orders Act 1997* (WA), forms in Schedule 1 of the Magistrates Court (Civil Proceedings) Rules 2005 (WA), as in force on 1 July 2017, are approved for use in the Family Court of Western Australia (with such changes as may be necessary) in relation to matters specified in those forms.
2. Where a form is in parts, then only those parts that are relevant, taking into account the part heading, need be used.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Stephen Thackray'.

STEPHEN THACKRAY  
CHIEF JUDGE  
FAMILY COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
15 June 2017