



## **Family Court of Western Australia**

### **Information Note**

#### **General Lists**

Following the introduction of the PPP500 (Priority Property Pools under \$500,000) program on 1 October 2023, Registrars have reviewed all Form 1 Applications seeking financial orders only upon filing, in order to identify potential PPP500 matters. If a matter was considered suitable for inclusion in the program, procedural orders were made in Chambers well prior to the first court date.

Commencing on 19 August 2024, Registrars will make procedural orders in Chambers on all Form 1 Applications seeking financial orders only upon filing, to assist in progressing the matter in a timely and cost-effective manner.

The Chambers orders made before the first court date will include:

- a) for service
- b) for the Respondent to file a Form 1A Response, financial statement and affidavit
- c) for the provision of financial documents
- d) procedural orders and directions for the management of the case.

All such applications, including applications seeking interim orders, will continue to be listed before a Registrar in the Registrars General List for procedural orders and directions. The applications will be listed as soon as practicable after 42 days from the date of filing. It is expected that the parties attend at the Registrar General Listing in person, with their lawyers if represented.

#### **Listing of Conciliation Conferences**

At the Registrars General List:

- PPP500 matters will continue to be allocated a Conciliation Conference within 90 days of the date of the filing of the application, if practicable.
- In relation to all other matters, the Registrar will consider the listing of a Conciliation Conference after consultation with the parties/their lawyers regarding (1) the parties' ability to participate in outside mediation / mediation style conferencing; and (2) if the listing of a Conciliation Conference is sought, the time needed to address all valuation and disclosure issues. This is to ensure that at the Conciliation Conference, the parties will be able to conduct meaningful negotiations. Subsequent requests for the adjournment of a

Conciliation Conference for reasons related to issues with disclosure or valuations will not generally be granted.

Legal practitioners / litigants are otherwise referred to Practice Direction 2 of 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Forrest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

**Principal Registrar**

**5 August 2024**