

MAGISTRATES COURT

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO 5 OF 2001

Domestic Violence (Family Protection) Act 1989

Recording of Applications for Domestic Violence Orders

The purpose of this Practice Direction is to ensure that proceedings in Magistrates Courts in relation to applications for Domestic Violence Order, temporary or permanent, are recorded. This will require that all proceedings before Domestic Violence courts are recorded, given that a mention of an application may result in a temporary order, at least, being made.

Similar procedures to those used for the recording of proceedings for Guilty Pleas in the Magistrates Court are to be followed, i.e., a direction is given that proceedings are to be recorded in accordance with the *Recording of Evidence Act (1962)*.

DM Fingleton
Chief Magistrate

29 August 2001