

MAGISTRATES COURT

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO 6 OF 2000

JUDICIAL NOTICE OF SIGNATURE OF MAGISTRATES

1. This direction concerns the form of signature of magistrates throughout Queensland, given the amendments to the *Stipendiary Magistrates Act 1991* to the effect that “Stipendiary” no longer forms part of the title for magistrates.
2. Queensland magistrates are now known as “Magistrate”, “Deputy Chief Magistrate” or “Chief Magistrate”.
3. When signing documents, it will be sufficient for judicial notice purposes, for a magistrate to merely sign his or her name, without the necessity to place their title after their signature. It is noted that the title “Magistrate”, “Deputy Chief Magistrate” or “Chief Magistrate” will appear typed below the signature of Magistrates on orders/warrants and correspondence.
4. Magistrates are accordingly directed to sign in this manner.

**(DM FINGLETON)
CHIEF MAGISTRATE**

29 November 2000