

**MENTAL HEALTH COURT**  
**PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 3 of 2017**  
**(Replacing PD 1 of 2004)**

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**SUBPOENAS**

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1. Upon issuing a subpoena for production the registrar will write to the parties to the proceeding –
  - (a) informing them of the issue of the subpoena including the date, time and place for production of the document; and
  - (b) inquiring whether any party objects to inspection of the document by other parties;
  - (c) advising the parties they should write to the registrar before the date and time specified for production of the document informing the Court if they object to the document being inspected by a party to the proceeding and the grounds of any objection.
2. The registrar will refer any objection to inspection to the Court for hearing and determination.
3. In the absence of any objection to inspection received before the date and time for production, the registrar may permit the parties to inspect the document.
4. The registrar must not permit any document produced to be copied or removed from the registry except pursuant to a direction by the Court.
5. Upon issuing a subpoena to attend Court and give evidence, the registrar shall write to the parties and inform them of the issue of the subpoena.

**JUSTICE JH DALTON**  
**President**  
Date: 14 March 2017