

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION NO 14 OF 1999**

### **APPLICATIONS - OUTLINE OF ARGUMENT (Uniform Civil Procedure Rules)**

1. This Practice Direction supersedes Practice Direction No 12 of 1995 “Chambers Jurisdiction-Outlines of Argument”.
2. As from 1 July 1999 courts hearing proceedings commenced by application, in the jurisdiction hitherto generically termed “chambers”, will expect practitioners to provide written outlines of argument in all contested and *ex parte* applications (including, where practicable, bail applications).
3. An outline should:
  - (a) provide a concise summary of the argument in point form;
  - (b) identify relevant authorities and legislative provisions;
  - (c) list material to be read and the filing date of that material;
  - (d) list material sought to be read and filed by leave and the swearing date of such material where appropriate;
  - (e) not usually exceed four pages; and
  - (f) attach a chronology where appropriate.
4. A separate list of the material contained in paragraph 3(c) and (d) of this Practice Direction should be provided to the associate or other such officer.
5. No additional charge is to be made for the preparation of an outline or list of materials.
6. Outlines should be exchanged as early as practicable prior to the hearing. In all cases they should be handed to the judge at the commencement of the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing they will be placed in the court file for future reference.
7. Practitioners should provide copies of relevant authorities and legislative provisions for the judge.
8. A similar practice is to be adopted in hearings before registrars.

**Paul de Jersey  
Chief Justice**

10 June 1999