



# **FAMILY COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION**

**(No. 2 of 2016)**

### **APPLICATIONS FOR DIVORCE**

#### **Preamble**

The Family Court of Western Australia encourages the filing of Divorce Applications and all associated documents through the Commonwealth Courts Portal in accordance with the Information Note dated 31 March 2010.

For matters listed for hearing on or after 6 October 2016, all Divorce Applications and associated documents (other than Applications in a Case) will be stored and processed in electronic form. This Practice Direction is issued to support the new process.

#### **Practice Direction**

1. Subject to paragraph 2, all documents or correspondence that may be filed or sent to the Family Court of Western Australia relating to a Divorce Application, including service documents, are approved for the purposes of rule 24.07 of the Family Law Rules 2004 as being documents permitted to be provided through the Commonwealth Courts Portal.
2. Applications in a Case cannot be filed through the Commonwealth Courts Portal.
3. Case Management Guideline 51.2 is hereby repealed and the attendance in court of parties and their witnesses when separation under one roof is alleged is not required, save when directed or ordered.

**STEPHEN THACKRAY  
CHIEF JUDGE  
FAMILY COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
12 August 2016**