SUPREME COURT OF TASMANIA

CIRCULAR TO PRACTITIONERS

No. 7 of 2021

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EXTRA CRIMINAL TRIALS IN 2021 (No.2)

The Court continues to take all reasonable steps to reduce the current backlog of criminal trials, particularly during the restrictions imposed under the COVID-19 pandemic.

The only way of increasing the number of criminal trials this year is to conduct them in weeks when criminal trials would not ordinarily be conducted – the weeks of appeal terms and court vacations.

Arrangements are in place for criminal trials to be conducted by one judge in Hobart and one judge in Launceston during the Winter Recess period between 5 July 2021 and 16 July 2021.

One acting judge will sit in Hobart, and one in Launceston, to deal with criminal trials during that period.

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