

SUPREME COURT OF TASMANIA

CIRCULAR TO PRACTITIONERS

No. 13 of 2023

13 December 2023

COURT RECESS

The Court is not scheduled to sit from Monday, 18 December 2023 until Friday, 26 January 2024 inclusive.

Matters for the Associate Judge will not be scheduled for the period Tuesday, 19 December 2023 until Friday, 26 January 2024 inclusive.

Applications will only be heard during the Court recess if properly certified by counsel to be of real urgency.

Applications for appointments for the hearing of urgent matters shall be made by letter accompanying the papers, personally signed by a legal practitioner, in which it is certified that the circumstances are special or that the matter is urgent, with particulars of the reason for urgency given.

The application will then be referred to a Judge who, if satisfied that the matter should be dealt with as an urgent or special matter, will give an appointment.

Committals for trial and sentence will be taken at Launceston (and by video link) at 10.00 am on 16 January 2024.

The Duty Judge will be:

- Justice Pearce from 18 December 2022 - 26 January 2023, contactable via his Associate at: chamberspearcej@supremecourt.tas.gov.au

COURT HOLIDAY

The Chief Justice has appointed Friday, 22 December 2023 to be a part-day Court holiday, pursuant to r19(e) of the *Supreme Court Rules 2000*. Registries will close at 1.00 pm that day. All Registries will reopen at 9.00 am, on Tuesday, 2 January 2024.



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