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Ms Jane Needham SC
Selbourne Chambers
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John
Dear Ms Needham,

Re: Court Sitting Hours

I refer to your letter of 4 March 2015.

Attached for your information is a copy of the Sitting Hours Protocol adopted by the Court.

The Protocol will be published on the Court's website.

Regards,

John H Pascoe, AO CVO
Chief Judge

Sitting Hours Protocol

1. That the parties be notified at the earliest possible time of a proposal to commence proceedings any time before 9.30 am or to sit beyond 4.30 pm.
2. If possible, 24 hours' notice be given of a proposal for an early start date and notice of extended sitting hours be given no later than prior to the luncheon adjournment on the day it is proposed to sit the extended hours.
3. In considering whether or not to set extended hours, it is relevant to consider the family or other carer responsibilities of practitioners.
4. It is noted that these suggestions may not be appropriate for :
 - a. Circuit sittings; and
 - b. Duty lists.

The suggestions listed above are for guidance only, and are not binding.