



**SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
NOTICE TO PRACTITIONERS:**

CONSOLIDATED PRACTICE DIRECTIONS – EXPERT EVIDENCE

Amendments to the Consolidated Practice Directions have been published today to incorporate new practice directions on expert evidence.

Practice Direction 4.5 is now titled *Evidence* and the practice directions in relation to evidence in chief are now contained in 4.5.1. The new practice directions can be found in Practice Direction 4.5.2 *Expert Evidence*.

The Court has adopted the *Harmonised Expert Witness Code of Conduct* developed by the Council of Chief Justices' Rules Harmonisation Committee in Practice Direction 4.5.2.1.

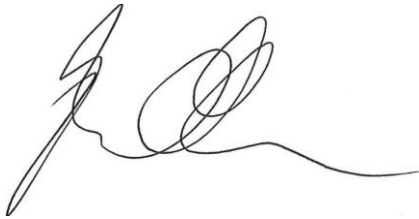
New Practice Directions 4.5.2.2 *Expert Conferences and Conclaves*, and 4.5.2.3 *Concurrent Expert Evidence* have also been published.

Practice Direction 4.1.2 has been amended to insert a section on expert evidence adduced in cases managed on the Commercial and Managed Cases List (CMC List).

New CMC List Usual Orders relating to expert evidence have been added to Practice Direction 4.1.2.2 at paragraphs 50 to 83. The orders should be regarded as a guide only and can be customised to suit the circumstances of the particular case.

Information sessions on the new practice directions will be provided by the Law Society.

Dated 6 May 2024.

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The Hon Justice Peter Quinlan
Chief Justice of Western Australia