

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL

Practice Note March 2022

Lord Reed, as President of the Supreme Court and Chairman of the Judicial Committee, issued a Covid Practice Note in May and September 2020. The Covid Practice Note is now rescinded, and the guidance set out in this Practice Note should now be followed, together with the relevant Rules and Practice Directions.

Papers for filing

All documents, forms and notices etc should be sent to the registry electronically. For the avoidance of doubt, paper copies are no longer required except where explicitly requested in the PD for appeal hearings, and filing should be done solely electronically where possible.

Papers under 10MB in size can be sent to the relevant Registry attached to an email. For documents over 10MB see SharePoint guidance in the Annexes to UKSC PD 14 and JCPC PD 9. Please email the relevant registry if you require a link to the upload area; registry@supremecourt.uk or registry@jcpc.uk

Orders

Orders which are signed by the Registrar may be issued electronically as usual but may not be sealed. Unsealed orders are to be treated as authentic and are to take effect as if they have been sealed.

Urgent applications (out of hours)

Parties should contact the relevant registry if an application is genuinely urgent and requires action out of Court hours. The respondent should be copied into the email. Where possible advanced notice of an urgent application should be given during Court hours.

Hearings

Although WebEx may still be used, hearings will be in person unless there are exceptional reasons to justify a hybrid hearing.

Practice Directions

Updates to the Practice Directions may be published in due course.

Lord Reed of Allermuir

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