



Children's Court
Victoria

CHILDREN'S COURT OF VICTORIA

PRACTICE DIRECTION

No. 3 of 2006

PREPARATION OF CHRONOLOGIES IN FAMILY DIVISION MATTERS

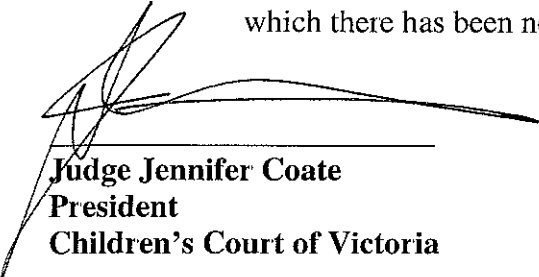
This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to Section 280D of the *Children and Young Persons Act 1989*.

Purpose: To assist the Court in the expeditious conduct of trials.

As from April 10, 2006 in all Family Division matters that proceed to a Directions Hearing, a chronology must be filed by the Department of Human Services at or prior to the Directions Hearing.

Such **chronology** must contain the following information:

- (a) The Court history of the proceedings in chronological order, including the dates of filing of any application(s) and/or breach(es) and the dates and nature of each order made.
- (b) A **brief** factual history in chronological order of incidents relied upon to found the application(s) or breach(es).
- (c) The current placement of the subject child or children together with any movement of placement throughout the history of the proceedings before the Court including dates and length of stay in each placement.
- (d) The name and region of the allocated protective worker or workers for the subject child or children, including the period for which each protective worker, if more than one, has been the allocated worker and any periods for which there has been no allocated worker



Judge Jennifer Coate
President
Children's Court of Victoria

15 March 2006