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Dear Mr Lavelle

Re-introduction of Civil Business

In my letter to you of 12 June I indicated that I would write to you further in relation to ordinary actions which were at the stage of a proof and ongoing simple procedure cases at the commencement of lockdown.

Appropriate hearings are now being assigned in relation to proofs (and evidential hearings in summary applications) with a view to identifying how these might best be progressed. In relation to simple procedure cases, steps have been taken to fix case management discussions in all the paused actions with a view to progressing them as expeditiously as possible within the current constraints.

I send with this letter a copy of an updated civil guidance note, which will come in to effect on Monday 29 June. I would be grateful if you would draw this to the attention of your members.

Perhaps most notable are the terms of paragraph 5. Unless the court directs otherwise, attendance at all civil hearings (excepting proofs and evidential hearings) will be by electronic means. This, in turn, requires the court to know the individual who represents a party and to have suitable contact details for that representative. This leads to the requirement set out in paragraph 7 of the guidance.

The terms of paragraph 10 were foreshadowed in my letter to you of 12 June. We are now endeavouring to allocate each defended ordinary action; summary application; and family action to a nominated sheriff who will, in so far as practicable, preside over all hearings in the cases allocated to them.

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You will note also the terms of paragraph 17 in relation to summary applications for the enforcement of security or residential property. All such applications will be sisted until further orders of court.

The provisions in relation to motions are also of significance. Written submissions in support of both the motion and opposition now require to be lodged to enable these to be dealt with more expeditiously.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely



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