



District Court  
of New South Wales

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### **Procedural Changes in the District Court- Covid-19**

In view of the continuing development of the Covid-19 pandemic, the District Court is making major changes to the operation of its criminal and civil jurisdictions. The Court is being progressively equipped with technology to enable the Court to continue its important role in the administration of justice by virtual means.

These changes are designed to assist in the prevention of the spread of Covid-19 in New South Wales.

On and from Monday 30 March 2020, the Court will endeavour to limit, as much as possible, personal appearances in court rooms by the technological enhancement of its current AVL system (the virtual court room).

Legal practitioners will be expected to appear by use of the virtual court room. The Court will shortly publish details on how the virtual court room can be accessed in the various locations that the Court is sitting.

### **Current Jury Trials**

Social distancing is being maintained in accordance with health advice in current jury trials and special arrangements have been made by the Sheriff of NSW for the well-being of jurors. These jury trials will continue. New jury trials remain temporarily suspended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Price'.

Justice D Price AM  
Chief Judge

25 March 2020