

**SUPREME COURT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
AND ACT MAGISTRATES COURT**

Notice to Practitioners

Court Procedures Amendment Rules 2018 (No 1)
Subordinate Law SL2018-25

The Rule-Making Committee (currently comprising the Chief Justice, Justice Elkaim, Chief Magistrate Walker and Magistrate Morrison) may make rules in relation to the practice and procedure of ACT courts and their registries pursuant to section 7 of the *Court Procedures Act 2004*. The Courts and the Joint Rules Advisory Committee have conducted a consultative review of the rules which has resulted in the amendments contained in the *Court Procedures Amendment Rules 2018 (No 1)*.

Rules 2353 and 2358 (Earnings redirection order) have been amended to ensure that any order will not reduce the total earnings of the enforcement debtor to an amount that is less than 80% of the debtor's net earnings.

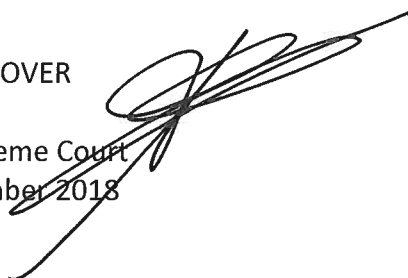
A number of rules have been amended (including rules 6121, 6126) and new rules introduced (rules 6103(4A), 6120(2), 6124) to provide for the filing of documents electronically. In addition, a new Division 6.3.2A (Documents filed electronically) has been introduced relating to the keeping of original documents, the signing, sealing and stamping of documents filed electronically and the issue of documents electronically by the Court.

Practitioners should note that ACT Courts and Tribunal are currently working to provide eLodgement services for ACT Law Firms. This will enable ACT Law Firm practitioners to register with the ACT Courts and Tribunal to use eLodgement services to file claims and commence proceedings. These services are likely to be made available in the second quarter of the 2019 calendar year. A Notice to Practitioners will be issued to inform the profession once these services are available.

A number of minor or consequential amendments have also been made throughout the rules, including definitions in the dictionary section to the rules.

The rules will commence on 1 January 2019. The rules can be accessed and downloaded through the Courts' website – www.courts.act.gov.au or through the ACT Government legislation register – www.legislation.act.gov.au.

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