


PRACTICE DIRECTION

Documents provided by self-represented litigants

This Practice Direction is being issued to clarify the manner in which self-represented litigants may present documents for filing with the Clerk of the Supreme Court pursuant to the Rules of Court. Sub-rules 720(1),(2) and (4) are amended as indicated below. The changes are underlined. The Rules of Court will be formally amended in due course. In the meantime, this Practice Direction supercedes the present wording of sub-rules 720(1), (2) and (4), effective immediately.

- 720(1) Unless otherwise provided by these rules or an order of the Court, business shall be transacted in an office of the Court only on the personal attendance of the party on whose behalf the business is to be transacted, the solicitor of the party, the clerk or agent of the solicitor or the clerk of the solicitor's agent, or the duly-authorized (in writing) agent of the party.
- (2) The Clerk may issue a summons or originating document, file a defence or any other document, make any necessary search, note a defendant in default, enter a default judgment, tax costs in a default judgment, issue execution or perform any other *ex parte* transaction of a like nature where the necessary documents are forwarded to the Clerk with filing instructions by a party or a solicitor of the party.
- (4) Subject to rule 379, a document, other than an originating document or a document that is to be issued by the Clerk, may be filed by a party or a solicitor of the party, with the Clerk by
- a) sending it to the Clerk by means of a telecopier, and
 - b) delivering or mailing to the Clerk the original document with any fees payable and, if the document is to be returned by mail, a prepaid self-addressed envelope.

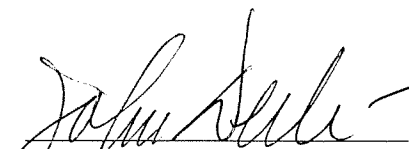
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