

**HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA**  
**PRACTICE DIRECTION NO 1 OF 1999**

USE OF INITIALS OR PSEUDONYMS IN  
APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL AND  
APPLICATIONS FOR REMOVAL PURSUANT TO  
s40 OF THE *JUDICIARY ACT* 1903 (CTH)

1. This Practice Direction replaces Practice Direction No 5 of 1996 and applies to applications for leave or special leave to appeal and applications for removal pursuant to s40 of the *Judiciary Act* 1903 (Cth) filed after 15 June 1999.

Interpretation

2. (a) “application” means an application for leave or special leave to appeal or an application for removal pursuant to s40 of the *Judiciary Act* 1903 (Cth).
- (b) “Court below” means the Court, Justice or Judge pronouncing the judgment below.
- (c) “party” includes an applicant and a respondent.

3. Except as provided by this Practice Direction the names of the parties in applications shall be identical to the names used to identify the relevant parties in the proceedings in the Court below.

4. Where, in proceedings before the Court below, a party was identified by the use of initials or a pseudonym or the publication or disclosure of the name of a party was prohibited by operation of a statute or order of a Court, that party shall file an application in this Court using the initials or pseudonym of the party. The use of initials or a pseudonym will continue in proceedings in this Court unless a contrary order is made by the Court or a Justice.

5. In the case of an application which is pending but has not been determined by the Court before the commencement of this Practice Direction the Registrar may give a direction to the parties as to the procedures to be followed to enable a party to continue to use or to apply for leave to continue to use initials or a pseudonym.

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