



Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia case management pathway

Specialist Judge managed lists run parallel to the case management pathway

Magellan

Evatt

Covid - 19

Complex Property

Contravention

Mandatory pre-action procedures



Parties must take genuine steps to attempt to resolve dispute prior to commencing proceedings, unless unsafe to do so or an exemption applies

First court event (single entry for Division 1 and Division 2)



Triage event to:

- Ensure compliance with pre-action procedures
- Ensure all required documents filed
- Assess need for interim hearing/expert evidence
- Make directions for dispute resolution
- Transfer appropriate matters to Division 1/ specialist list

Child Impact Report



Interim Hearing



Hearing before Senior Judicial Registrar or Judge

Dispute Resolution



- Conducted externally or within the Court
- Expected to be within 5 months from date of filing

Family Report



- Current Family Report model
- Specific Issues Report, where only circumscribed issues remain outstanding
- Child Impact Report Addendum

Compliance and readiness hearing



- To ensure parties have made genuine attempt to resolve issues
- Further consideration of appropriate Division
- Allocation of trial date

Trial Management Hearing (if required)



Directions hearing before allocated Trial Judge

Final hearing



- For matters that are unresolved and require a trial
- Aim is to list the trial within 12 months from the date of filing

Filing to first court event 6-8 weeks

Filing to Dispute Resolution 5 months

Filing to Final hearing 12 months

Final hearing