

Local Court Act
PRACTICE DIRECTION

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE

The following practice direction is issued pursuant to section 21 of the *Local Court Act* and will apply from 24 February 1998.

BACKGROUND

It is evident that the practice of solicitors endorsing Statements of Claims drawn by Debt Collection Agencies is continuing. Apart from possible ethical difficulties with this practice practical problems have arisen. Sometimes these Statements of Claim refer to a particular solicitor or firm as being on the record but state the address for service to be the address of the Debt Collection Agency.

PROCEDURE

If a solicitor is on the record for a party then it is that solicitor's address which shall be that party's address for service. Any Statement of Claim which has an endorsement saying otherwise will be rejected by the registry staff as incorrect.

HUGH BRADLEY
CHIEF MAGISTRATE

24 February 1998