

PRACTICE DIRECTION**CASE MANAGEMENT OF QUEEN'S BENCH ACTIONS:
PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 1,****WITH EFFECT FROM 7 NOVEMBER 2000**

Unless the parties have agreed in writing the date or dates to be fixed for the hearing of an action and the Appeals and Lists Office has been so notified in writing, the following Practice Direction applies.

1. Call over before a listing officer:
 - (a) the solicitor who has personal carriage of the action in respect of each party must attend with, where necessary, all relevant parts of the case file so as to be in a position to answer any questions which may arise as to why the said action cannot then be given a fixed date for hearing;
 - (b) the above requirement for the personal attendance of the solicitor having carriage of the action does not apply where that solicitor has instructed a member of his staff or an agent, properly briefed with all relevant information and where necessary the relevant parts of the case file, to attend the call over.

2. Review by a judge on referral by a listing officer:
 - (a) the solicitor, who has personal carriage of the action in respect of each party must attend with all relevant parts of the case file so as to be in a position to answer any questions which may arise as to why the said action cannot then be given a fixed date for hearing;
 - (b) the above requirement for the personal attendance of the solicitor having carriage of the action does not apply where that solicitor has instructed a member of his staff or an agent, properly briefed with all relevant information and the relevant parts of the case file, to attend the call over on review by a judge.

- (c) on referral to a judge for the purpose of review, counsel will only be heard in cases where the solicitor having personal carriage of the action considers that to be necessary, in which event counsel must be properly instructed and the relevant parts of the case file must be brought to court by that solicitor or a member of his staff.



J J SHEIL

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