



**Children's Court
Victoria**

PRACTICE NOTE

No. 1 of 2008

APPLICATIONS BY APPREHENSION

This Practice Note is issued pursuant to Section 592 of the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*.

From 2 June 2008 the Family Division registry of the Melbourne Children's Court will not accept the filing of any application by apprehension after 2.00 pm on any sitting day.

This change from the previous time of 3.00 pm is required because of the unprecedented growth in workload experienced by the Court. Applications by apprehension have increased at the rate of 20% per annum for each of the past five years. The Court has regularly been sitting into the evening to determine submissions contests that arise from the increased number of applications by apprehension. Such work practices are unsustainable.

Judge Paul Grant
President
Children's Court of Victoria
29 May 2008