



VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE TRIBUNAL

Chief Magistrate's Chambers
Melbourne Magistrates' Court

PRACTICE DIRECTION
NO. 1/98
ENGAGEMENT OF COUNSEL TO ASSIST MAGISTRATES
ON CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION TRIBUNAL

The Chief Magistrate issues this Practice Note pursuant to Section 16A of the Magistrates' Court Act 1989 and Section 58 of the Victims of Crime Assistance Act 1996.

Magistrates are directed that they must not engage counsel to assist in the Magistrates' Court or Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal or in any other jurisdiction without the approval in writing of the Chief Magistrate.

The Magistrates' Court and the Tribunal will not be responsible for any fees, costs or charges incurred for retention, after the date of this Practice Direction, of counsel unless the retainer or engagement is authorised in writing by the Chief Magistrate.

MICHAEL A. ADAMS, QC
Chief Magistrate

11 February 1998