



Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal

**Chief Magistrate's Chambers
Melbourne Magistrates' Court**

Practice Direction

No. 11 of 2008

ENGAGEMENT OF COUNSEL ASSISTING THE TRIBUNAL

**PRACTICE DIRECTION ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 58
OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE ACT 1996**

Counsel to assist the Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal may only be engaged with the approval in writing of the Chief Magistrate.

The Tribunal will not be responsible for any fees, costs or charges incurred for the engagement of counsel after the date of this Practice Direction, unless the retainer or engagement is so authorised by the Chief Magistrate.

Revocation of Previous Practice Direction

This Practice Direction revokes Practice Direction 1/1998 (Engagement of Counsel to Assist Magistrates on Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal).

Commencement

This Practice Direction has effect from 1 January 2009.

IAN L GRAY

Chief Magistrate

11 December 2008