PRACTICE DIRECTION FAMILY-8 CIVIL-3 CRIMINAL-6 Chambers – Family, Criminal and Civil Schedule

- 1. There will continue to be Chambers on every Tuesday on which there is a judge available. When Monday is a holiday, Chambers will be held on Wednesday.
- 2. **Family Chambers** will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- 3. **Criminal Chambers** will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- 4. **Civil Chambers** will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 5. **Appearance Day and Mandatory Case Managements** will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (see Practice Directions CIVIL-2/FAMILY-4 and CIVIL-10).
- 6. Out-of-town counsel or parties may appear by phone. If so, the Clerk of the Supreme Court must be provided, in advance of the appearance, a telephone number where they can be reached.
- 7. For family and civil matters:
 - a) Consent adjournments will be spoken to first followed by consent orders and contested matters.
 - b) No later than 2:00 p.m. the preceding Monday, (or in the event Monday is a holiday, on Tuesday), the applicant will contact the Clerk to confirm the status of their matter. The Clerk will take adjourned matters off the list and separate non-contested matters from contested matters and note the time which it is anticipated each matter will take. If no one contacts the Clerk about a matter by 2:00 p.m., it shall be struck from the list.
 - c) An applicant setting down a matter for Chambers shall indicate on the notice of application whether the matter is of a time consuming or contentious nature, as well as their best estimate of the time required for the hearing of the application.
 - d) Any matters likely to exceed thirty (30) minutes for both (all) sides should be set down at a time outside regular Chambers.

- e) A party or their counsel may be asked to confirm in Chambers if their matter is likely to exceed thirty (30) minutes in total for argument. If so, the matter will be rescheduled as above. If not, the parties or their counsel will be restricted to their allotted time.
- 8. For criminal matters:
 - a) Parties or their counsel who have trial dates to be fixed will be expected to appear in Chambers at 1:00 p.m. to speak to the list with the Trial Coordinator. The judge may require a pre-trial conference before fixing the trial date.
 - b) Any matters likely to exceed thirty (30) minutes for both (all) sides should be set down at a time outside regular Chambers.

Veale J. January 15, 2016