

## **Explanatory Statement**

Court Procedures Amendment Rules 2019 (No 1)

Subordinate Law SL2019-11

Issued by the Authority of the Rule-Making Committee

The Rule-Making Committee (currently comprising the Chief Justice, Justice Elkaim, Chief Magistrate Walker and Magistrate Morrison) may make rules in relation to the practice and procedure of ACT courts and their registries pursuant to section 7 of the *Court Procedures Act 2004*. The Courts and the Joint Rules Advisory Committee have conducted a consultative review of the rules which has resulted in the amendments contained in the *Court Procedures Amendment Rules 2019 (No 1)*.

Rules have been amended and new rules introduced in Division 3.11.2 (Admission of Local Lawyers), providing for early commencement of practical legal training in certain circumstances and introducing procedures in exceptional circumstances when an applicant for admission is unable to attend the ceremony and for applying for absentee admission.

Rule 6908 has been amended to clarify the restrictions in the use of electronic devices in courtrooms for security purposes.

Schedule 3 Costs and Schedule 4 Scale of Costs have been amended and updated

A number of minor or consequential amendments have also been made throughout the rules.

The rules will commence on 1 July 2019.