

## **Urgent Applications in Bankruptcy and the Companies Court**

The registrars have for some time made provision for hearing urgent or time critical applications (see paragraph 9.1 of the Practice Direction – Insolvency Proceedings).

A number of slots are reserved for such applications on Tuesday and Friday morning of each week and are most commonly used for time critical applications such as applications to extend administration orders, time summonses and other applications that cannot wait to be heard in the ordinary lists.

In addition, however, a registrar is available each day to hear urgent applications without an appointment (most commonly in the afternoon).

Practitioners should complete the certificate in paragraph 9 of the Practice Direction. Court fees should be paid on the ground floor of the Rolls Building, but listing should be arranged through the registrars' clerks on the first floor.

**Unless, for some exceptional reason, a registrar is not available or the application is one which for some other reason the registrar cannot hear (e.g. because the application is for an injunction) all urgent insolvency and companies applications should be made to the registrar, not to the applications judge.**

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