

CHANCERY MASTERS' WORK
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

- As from Wednesday 21 March 2012, new claims will no longer be allocated to the Chancery Masters by number. Upon the issue of a claim a letter will be added after the prefix letters and year. Currently it is recorded as **HC12C00001** but after the new allocation system it will read **HC12A00001** to identify the assigned Master i.e.

Chief Master Winegarten – **A**

Master Bragge – **B**

Master Bowles – **C**

Master Price – **D**

Master Teverson – **E**

Master Marsh – **F**

- Existing claims prior to the new issuing system will be retained to the original Master. Existing claims ending with the digit 8 will be dealt with by Master Marsh and those ending with the digit 9 will be dealt with by Chief Master Winegarten.
- Chief Master Winegarten and Master Bragge will continue to deal with GLO cases and trade mark claims respectively.
- There will also be a fortnightly urgent applications list – details of which are set out in the following Notice.

NOTICE

Listing Arrangements for Urgent Applications to the Chancery Masters

- Commencing Wednesday 21 March 2012 there will be a fortnightly “urgent applications” list for urgent Masters’ business. It will be held from 11.00 – 1.00 and 2.15 – 4.30 on every other Wednesday. One Master (in rotation) including the Chief Master will take this list (whether or not he is the assigned Master for the case).
- Applicants must certify on the Application Notice when issued as follows “*I hereby certify that this is urgent business, and cannot await a hearing before the assigned Master in its due turn, because [specify reasons]. [signed] [dated].*” If appropriate, the reasons for urgency may be attached in a covering letter.
- Application notices must be issued and served in the usual way.
- An application should not be so listed unless the overall time required to deal with the application is 2 hours or less. The 2 hour maximum includes pre-reading, time in court, time for judgment and costs assessment.
- The existing directions set out in the Chancery Guide relating to delivery of bundles and skeleton arguments will apply.
- In the event of a settlement, the Court Office must be informed as soon as possible to allow the listing time to be available for the efficient disposal of other urgent business.
- Failure to comply with these arrangements may result in the Master refusing to hear the application and/or in an adverse costs order being made. If the Master is not satisfied that the matter was urgent the case may be put back by him into the assigned Master’s ordinary list to come on for hearing in its due turn.
- This Notice is not to be understood as a substitution for the existing arrangements for listing applications for extensions of time or for “without notice” applications, in respect of which the existing arrangements will also continue to apply.
- These arrangements will replace the arrangements for hearings before the Chief Master set out in the Chancery Guide, paragraph 6.28.
- Registered trade mark claims will continue to be dealt with by Master Bragge as set out in the Chancery Guide, 6.29.