

Judicial Registrar

Funds in Court Functions

The Judicial Registrar is responsible for determining applications made for payments from the funds in Court held for and on behalf of persons under disability, or otherwise paid into Court pursuant to order or to legislation. The Associate Judge who is the Senior Master [the Senior Master] has exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether persons have capacity to be paid their funds held in Court, and to make orders for such payments.

As well as supporting and assisting the Senior Master in the general administration of the Funds in Court Office, the Judicial Registrar performs the following functions:

- Giving direction as to how applications for payments are to be made, depending upon the circumstances of each application.
- Determining applications as made, and/or giving direction as to the further requirements for applications to be properly determined. Such applications can include complex applications made by solicitors for payment of costs as between solicitor and client.
- Supervising and authenticating orders made from applications determined.
- Giving direction as to arrangements to secure property rights arising from the payment of funds pursuant to orders, including property rights affecting real estate, personal estate and other proprietary interests or liabilities.
- Giving direction as to relevant administrative and other arrangements which impact on persons under disability and their funds in Court, including applications to the Guardianship List of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, regarding Centrelink or other entitlements, and regarding arrangements with the Transport Accident Commission and/or the Victorian Workcover Authority.
- Supervising and authenticating orders for appeals to the Senior Master, pursuant to Rule 79.16.

The Judicial Registrar may also have applications referred by the Senior Master, pursuant to Rule 79.13.

Other Duties

Judicial Registrars have jurisdiction in a range of civil matters under Order 84 of Chapter 1 of the Rules. The Judicial Registrar hear and determine interlocutory civil applications under Order 84.

Judicial Registrars also conduct judicial resolution conferences under Chapter 5 of the *Civil Procedure Act 2009* and Rule 50.7.4 of Chapter 1 as part of the Court's Judicial Mediation program.

Judicial Registrars may be assigned duties by the Chief Justice. The Judicial Registrar who is assigned the duties of Judicial Registrar (Funds in Court) may also be assigned additional duties from time to time including:

- undertaking the specialist duties of another Judicial Registrar in their absence;
- leading or being a member of internal or external committees; and
- leading or participating in Court reform projects.