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Dear Dr Collins

County Court Criminal Procedure Rules sub-committee - representative

The *County Court Criminal Procedure Rules 2009* sunset on 17 December 2019.

Chief Judge Peter Kidd has authorised the creation of a committee to review the Criminal Rules prior to the sunset date. It is intended that members of this committee will consult with internal Court and external stakeholders, to draft and refresh the rules. Any proposed changes will be redrafted by a representative from Parliamentary Counsel.

On behalf of Judge Trapnell, who will chair the committee, I would like to invite the Victorian Bar Council to nominate a representative to sit as a member of the committee. The nominated member should have extensive knowledge of the criminal rules and be a current practitioner.

We anticipate that the committee will convene once a month or once every three weeks, and members may be required to consult with stakeholders between meetings. The approximate schedule for the committee is as follows:

- February 2019 to September 2019: committee meetings, stakeholder consultation, re-drafting;
- 11 October 2019: final draft to be approved by committee and recommended to the Rules Committee;
- 18 October 2019: final draft to be approved by the Rules Committee;
- 4 November 2019: final draft to be provided to the Attorney-General for certification;
- Once certification received, Reader's Copy to be approved by majority of Court Judges;
- Once approval received, remade Rules to be actioned by Parliamentary Counsel.

We would like the committee to begin convening by February 2019. As such, I would be grateful if you could notify me by return email of the details of your representative by no later than 15 February 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 8636 6476 or John.Riordan@countycourt.vic.gov.au if you have any queries.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

John Riordan

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