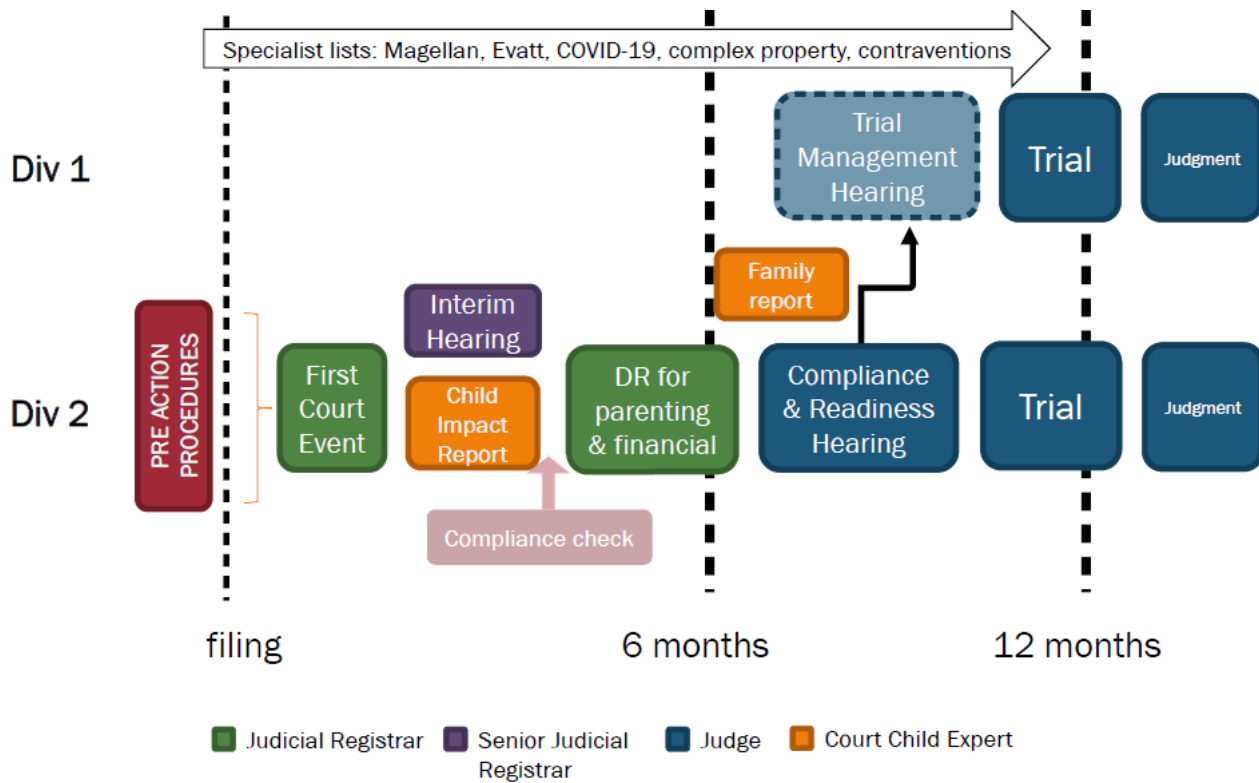


# NEW CASE MANAGEMENT PATHWAY



## FCFCOA Aims: 90% of cases resolved within 12 months of filing

You must comply with the pre-action procedures for both parenting and financial matters contained in Schedule 1 of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Family Law) Rules 2021 (Cth) (Family Law Rules) and section 60I of the Family Law Act 1975 (Cth) (Family Law Act); and

You must take genuine steps to attempt to resolve your issues prior to commencing proceedings, unless it is unsafe to do so, or a relevant exemption applies. A Genuine Steps Certificate (60i) in the approved form must be filed with an Initiating Application or Response to Initiating Application.

Failure to comply with the relevant pre-action procedures may result in the application being adjourned or stayed until the failure to comply is rectified.

The new Court system also focuses on ensuring that the appropriate evidence is ready at each stage of the matter, to avoid matters being relisted multiple times due to noncompliance or relevant experts and documents being unavailable.

A national “Contravention List” will be created to address the expectation that all parties to Court Orders must comply with those Orders, and that all alleged breaches will be taken seriously and dealt with quickly.

Navigating the Family Law system can be incredibly challenging at the best of times so it is essential, if you are experiencing any family law issues, that you seek experienced legal advice to assist you in navigating these challenges as the family law landscape undergoes significant change.



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