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Dear People

Please give careful consideration to my suggestion and request that the Courts change their communications process to establish better communication using their email systems, specifically add to CC email addresses to court files and automatically send CC to appropriate people such as plaintiffs and defendants (when counsel are appointed) which the courts, for some reason, currently seem unable to do.

Why do this?

This would make a significant difference to timely advancement of cases, and reduce the failure and error rate, reduce the need for wasted adjourned hearings on account of communication issues arising from failures of Counsel to pass on Court communications in a timely fashion or at all. (That means in real time and not when counsel have got around to reviewing the communication - assuming they do not simply overlook the communications)

Parties cannot ask counsel for court communications when they are not alerted they exist.

Examples of the current antiquated process failing are known to me and motivate me to make this submission.

It would also provide a positive pressure against counsel manipulating proceedings and client positions through controlling the timing of passing on court information for example to protect colleagues liabilities (in effect counsel's OWN liabilities as they also fund the same professional insurers)

Many thanks for considering this suggestion and request.

Let me know any questions.

Kind regards

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