Administrative Directions from the Listing Judge on listing of adjourned hearings

- 1. In the absence of a court order ordering the adjourned hearing to be fixed in consultation with counsel's diary or the consent of all affected parties, the <u>earliest</u> available date shall be given. No consideration shall be given to the state of counsel's diary in such circumstances. The sole consideration is the availability of a court.
- 2. If a party wishes listing personnel to take into account the state of diary of his counsel, an order to that effect must first be obtained from the court when the adjournment was ordered or subsequent thereto but prior to the appointment for fixing the adjourned hearing.
- 3. An order for dates to be fixed in consultation with counsel's diary shall be given effect in manner as specified in paragraph 5(e) appearing on page 8.2 of the Practice Directions 7.1 which is set out in the Schedule below.
- 4. It is the responsibility of a party to seek an order from the court, at the time the adjournment was ordered or subsequent thereto but prior to the appointment for fixing the adjourned hearing, for the hearing not to be fixed before a named date if that party is alleging that a particular minimum time is required for preparation for hearing. In the absence of such a court order or the consent of all affected parties, listing personnel shall not take into account any representation that the earliest available date will not give sufficient time to a party to prepare for the adjourned hearing.

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Schedule above referred to

* An order that a date be fixed in consultation with counsel instructed or expected to be instructed for the hearing of any action does not bind the Listing Master/Judge or the Clerk of the Court to secure the agreement of such counsel. It requires him only to give effect to their wishes so far as may be convenient to the court diaries, which shall have

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priority.