



JUDICIARY OF
ENGLAND AND WALES

CHIEF ICC JUDGE BRIGGS
CHIEF INSOLVENCY AND COMPANIES COURT JUDGE

7 April 2020

1. This guidance note relates to work listed before an Insolvency and Companies Court Judge in the Rolls Building, Royal Courts of Justice, London during the period the Temporary Insolvency Practice Direction (the “TPID”) is in force. The guidance is applicable to insolvency and company law business.
2. The TIPD that came into force on 6 April 2020 provides that:
 - 2.1 all applications, petitions and claims (save for petitions for winding-up and bankruptcy) listed for hearing prior to 21 April 2020 are adjourned; and
 - 2.2 notwithstanding any adjournment, if a hearing is required urgently, it may be re-listed using the mechanism provided by paragraph 5 of the TIPD.
3. The following petitions, applications and claims are deemed to be urgent hearings:
 - 3.1. applications made pursuant to section 17 of the Company Directors’ Disqualification Act 1986;
 - 3.2. applications made pursuant to section 216 of the Insolvency Act 1986;
 - 3.3. public interest winding-up petitions;
 - 3.4. applications to convene a meeting for a members’ scheme of arrangement;
 - 3.5. capital reduction claims; and
 - 3.6. cross-border merger claims.
4. ICC Judges’ Listing will endeavour to list non-urgent business where possible, taking account of judicial, clerking and technological availability.
5. Non-urgent hearings stood out under paragraph 2.1 above are intended to be re-listed within 6 weeks from 21 April 2020. Priority shall be given to such matters over the listing of any new non-urgent matter.