

## PRACTICE DIRECTION 2 /2019- SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Power to Issue Practice Directions

 This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to Article 37.2 of the Regulations and Procedural Rules of the Court ('the Rules').

## Summary Judgment

- 2. In accordance with Article 22.6 of the Rules, the Court may, if it considers that justice so requires, give summary judgment on a claim or defence or on any issue.
- 3. The Court may give summary judgment against a defendant or a claimant on the whole or part of a claim or counterclaim or a particular issue if
  - (a) it considers that –
  - (i) the defendant to the claim or counterclaim has no prospect of successfully defending the claim or issue; or
  - the claimant to the claim or counterclaim has no prospect of succeeding on the claim or issue; or
  - (b) there is no other compelling reason why the case or issue should be disposed of at a trial.
- 4. A claimant to the claim or counterclaim may file an application for summary judgment (whether on the whole claim or counterclaim or part of it) on the ground(s) set out in paragraph 3 above. Such an application must be accompanied by a witness statement which (1) shows that the claim or counterclaim and the application have been served and (2) sets out the grounds for the application and is verified by a statement of truth in accordance with Article 27 of the Rules.



- 5. A defendant to the claim or counterclaim may file an application for summary judgment (whether on the whole claim or counterclaim or part of it) on the ground(s) set out in paragraph 3 above. Such an application must be accompanied by a witness statement which (1) shows that the application has been served and (2) sets out the grounds for the application and is verified by a statement of truth in accordance with Article 27 of the Rules.
- 6. Once an application for summary judgment has been filed, the Court will either of its own motion or on the application of the parties give directions as to how the application is to be determined.

Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd 4 July 2019