



COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL

PRACTICE DIRECTION 1/2021: Skeleton Arguments and Bundles for Hearing

1. This Direction sets out mandatory requirements regarding skeleton arguments and bundles of documents provided in proceedings in the Competition Appeal Tribunal.

Skeleton Arguments

2. All skeleton arguments shall be supplied in hard copy and electronically in *Word*. They shall be typed in 12-point font with 1.5 line spacing.
3. Skeleton arguments submitted by an appellant, applicant or claimant shall not exceed 20 pages. Skeleton arguments by a respondent or defendant shall not exceed 20 pages, save that if there is more than one separately represented opposing party, the skeleton may extend to 25 pages.
4. The Tribunal may, on its own motion or on the written application of a party, dispense with the requirement for the provision of hard copies in paragraph 2 above and/or vary the page limits in paragraph 3.

Bundles for hearing

5. Paragraph 9.56 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Guide to Proceedings 2015 contains requirements concerning the provision of bundles containing hard copy documents for use in hearings. It is imperative that those requirements are observed. In particular, the labelling on the spine of each bundle must be in large, bold writing or typeface and the label required to be affixed to the top left hand corner of the inside cover of the bundle must be visible when the bundle is open.
6. In addition, all pages within each separate tab of a bundle shall be printed double sided except where they comprise a spreadsheet or table for which two or more pages need to be viewed together.
7. Failure to observe all requirements in respect of bundles may result in them being returned to the relevant party for them to be put in order and there may be consequences with regard to costs should any delay occur in the proceedings as a result.

The Hon. Mr Justice Roth
President

25 February 2021