



HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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Time limit on oral argument

Rule 41.08.3 of the High Court Rules 2004 imposes a time limit on oral argument. The time allocated to the applicant on the hearing is **20 minutes**, the respondent **20 minutes**, and the applicant **5 minutes** in reply. There is provision for the Court to extend time, although it is not envisaged that the Court would routinely exercise this power.

If a submitting appearance has been filed there is no requirement to appear at the hearing.

Determination of applications

Most applications for leave or special leave to appeal are determined by the Court on the basis of written material. Where the Justices refer an application for oral argument the hearing will in principle be conducted with the parties' legal representatives appearing remotely. The Registry will provide instructions and information about the procedure to be followed by Counsel at the hearing of the applications in advance of the hearing.

Live Stream

Hearings of applications for leave or special leave to appeal are livestreamed. Access to the livestream is available through the High Court website.