

**HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

No.2/Rules/DHC

Dated: 29.1.2009

**PRACTICE DIRECTION**

**HEARING & GRANT OF ADJOURNMENT**

Hon'ble the Chief Justice has been pleased to issue the following practice directions:-

1. Ordinarily, in any matter, Courts may not allow more than one pass over.
2. While referring a case to Registrar / Joint Registrar for completion of pleadings, the case may be adjourned by the Court to a fixed date and the Registrar / Joint Registrar shall fix interim dates to ensure that pleadings are complete before the date so fixed by the Court.  
In order to avoid further adjournment by the Court, the Advocates concerned shall ensure that steps for completion of pleadings are taken as per dates given by the Registrar/Joint Registrar.
3. The Court may, in a case not older than 5 years, entertain a request for adjournment by submission of an adjournment slip, duly signed by advocates of all the parties in a particular case.  
In the cases older than 5 years, however, adjournment may be granted by making a special mention before the Court at least a day prior to the date of hearing with advance notice to the other party(s) and agreed to by counsel for both parties.
4. The Court may, in their discretion, for keeping a check on unnecessary/avoidable adjournments & filing of frivolous applications and to have deterrent effect, impose reasonable/realistic cost and the cost so imposed may, ordinarily, be paid to the opposite party.

The Practice Directions shall come into force w.e.f. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2009.

By order of the Court,  
Sd/-  
( **Ajit Bharihoke** )  
**Registrar General**