

## CASE CENTER

A few changes to how Case Center is operated are coming into effect during the next couple of days which all practitioners should be aware of. Firstly, there is a change to how long access to case files will continue for after the conclusion of a case and secondly to how disclosure is served. There are also a couple of AMCA updates at the end of the email.

### Access to case files

- Access to case files will be granted in the usual way
- Access will be revoked 3 months after the conclusion of the case (this was originally 30 days but following reps from AMCA it has been aligned with the AFCLAA billing deadline).
- If an appeal has been lodged at CMAC/EWHC prior to the 3mo cut off then the case will remain “live” until 3mo after MCS is informed that appellate proceedings are concluded.
- The case will remain visible on Case Center for two years after it concludes and will be retained “behind the scenes” for a further five years (7 years total)
- If access is required after 3 months e.g. due to appeals which commence out of time or complaints, then this will be granted. Please email Director MCS and cc Denise Love for access to such cases.
- If a case has been closed recently under the 30 day rule and you need access for billing etc. then please email Dir MCs and cc Denise Love and access will be granted.

### Disclosure

Received from the SPA: *The SPA now have their own area within case centre which will be used for Disclosure and shared with defence and not MCS but we have the ability to transfer to the court file when required, this will be extremely useful for prosecution to share large media files and once agreed what clips are required this can be requested from SPCB so only the element that you intend to rely upon is uploaded to MCS Case Center.*

*The new process will be as follows:*

*You will receive invite for the trial bundle from Thompson Reuters*

1. *You will receive an invite for the disclosure bundle from SPA – All material will be booked marked as this will ensure ease of transfer to the trial bundle for individual documents.*
2. *Defence counsel and Prosecution can request to transfer any documents or media to the MCS court bundle.*

The intent behind this is to a) save MCS from paying the costs of hosting large amounts of material such as unedited footage prompted by cases where the SPA has disclosed simultaneous footage from all cameras on camp over a large time window in relation to a short scuffle caught on one or two cameras b) to allow SPA to use the platform to brief out work such as VRRs to the independent Bar. I will update with a point of contact for any difficulties with the new system which will be trialled for 3 months.

### **AMCA Updates & Reminders**

- AMCA has a WhatsApp  
Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DL0Uvu3buRa1CNQmk4zU33>
- AMCA Subs are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> November please do set up a standing order (£50pa or £25 is under 5yrs PQE). Membership benefits include access to the Aspals case database of CMAC authorities.
- If you have a case in CMAC do please try to obtain a transcript so it can be added to Aspals for the benefit of all

Kind regards

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