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### SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT (CHAPTER 322)

#### RULES OF COURT (AMENDMENT) RULES 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred on us by section 80 of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act and all other powers enabling us under any written law, we, the Rules Committee, hereby make the following Rules:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Rules of Court (Amendment) Rules 2014 and shall, with the exception of rules 2, 3, 4 and 6, be deemed to have come into operation on 14th April 2014.

(2) Rules 2, 3, 4 and 6 shall come into operation on 1st May 2014.

#### **Amendment of Order 1**

2. Order 1, Rule 9 of the Rules of Court (R 5, 2014 Ed.) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (5) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(5) For the purposes of section 34(1)(*ea*) and (*eb*) and (3) of the Legal Profession Act and in this Rule, “relevant matter or proceeding” means —

(a) any matter or proceeding commenced in, or any appeal under any written law from any tribunal to, the Court of Appeal;

(b) any matter or proceeding commenced in the High Court and any appeal from that matter or proceeding;

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(c) any matter or proceeding commenced in a District Court and any appeal from that matter or proceeding; and

(d) any matter or proceeding commenced in a Magistrate’s Court and any appeal from that matter or proceeding,

whether or not that matter, proceeding or appeal was commenced before, on or after 1st May 2014.”; and

(b) by deleting the definition of “Court” in paragraph (6) and substituting the following definition:

““Court” means —

(a) the Court of Appeal, if the relevant matter or proceeding is —

(i) any matter, proceeding or appeal referred to in paragraph (5)(a); or

(ii) any appeal referred to in paragraph (5)(b), (c) or (d) to the Court of Appeal, in respect of which no leave has been given under paragraph (2) or (3) by a court below;

(b) the High Court, if the relevant matter or proceeding is —

(i) any matter, proceeding or appeal referred to in paragraph (5)(b); or

(ii) any appeal referred to in paragraph (5)(c) or (d) to the High Court, in respect of which no leave has been given under paragraph (2) or (3) by a court below;

(c) a District Court, if the relevant matter or proceeding is —

- (i) any matter, proceeding or appeal referred to in paragraph (5)(c); or
- (ii) any appeal referred to in paragraph (5)(d) under Order 55B, in respect of which no leave has been given under paragraph (2) or (3) by a Magistrate’s Court; or
- (d) a Magistrate’s Court, if the relevant matter or proceeding is any matter, proceeding or appeal referred to in paragraph (5)(d);”.

#### **Amendment of Order 46**

3. Order 46, Rule 23 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “on the notice board of the Registry and”.

#### **Amendment of Order 59**

4. Order 59 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “section 137 of” in Rule 29(6)(b) and substituting the words “the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976, as set out in the Schedule to”;
- (b) by deleting the words “and notice board” in item (d)(i) of the Table immediately below the paragraph in Part II of Appendix 2 beginning with the words “The disbursements allowed under sub-paragraphs (2) and (3)”;
- (c) by deleting the words “and posting on the notice board” in item (d)(ii) of the Table immediately below the paragraph in Part II of Appendix 2 beginning with the words “The disbursements allowed under sub-paragraphs (2) and (3)”.

#### **Amendment of Order 90**

5. Order 90, Rule 22(2) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “Chief District Judge” and substituting the words “Registrar of the State Courts”.

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**Amendment of Order 94**

6. Order 94, Rule 8(5) of the principal Rules is amended —
- (a) by deleting sub-paragraph (b) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:
- “(b) any book produced by or seized from any person pursuant to section 163, 163A or 164;”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (f), the following sub-paragraph:
- “(fa) any written notice given, or production requirement (in writing) served, in respect of the defendant’s or contravening person’s premises pursuant to section 163A;”.

**Miscellaneous amendments**

7. The principal Rules are amended by deleting the words “Chief District Judge” in the following provisions and substituting in each case the words “Presiding Judge of the State Courts”:

Order 32, Rule 9(2)(c); Order 34, Rule 4; Order 35, Rule 11(1); Order 60, Rule 1(1); Order 61, Rule 3(1) and (2); and Order 91, Rule 2.

Made this 17th day of April 2014.

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