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SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT  
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SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE  
(PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT)  
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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 80 of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act and all other powers enabling us under any written law, we, the Rules Committee, make the following Rules:

PART 1  
PRELIMINARY

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules are the Supreme Court of Judicature (Protection from Harassment) Rules 2021 and come into operation on 1 June 2021 at 12.01 a.m.

**Definitions**

2.—(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Act” means the Protection from Harassment Act (Cap. 256A);

“applicable fee”, in relation to any matter, means the fee specified in the First Schedule for that matter;

“appropriate Form”, in relation to any purpose in simplified proceedings, means the current version of the form required for that purpose set out —

(a) on the Internet website of the electronic filing service; or

(b) in the practice directions;

“claim” means a claim under section 11 of the Act and an application for any of the following orders:

(a) a protection order;

(b) an expedited protection order;

(c) a mandatory treatment order;

(d) a false statement order;

(e) an interim false statement order;

“Corppass” means the identity authentication service, known as Singapore Corporate Access, by which an entity

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authenticates its identity in order to carry out an online transaction with the Government or a statutory board;

“Corppass credential” means any username, password or 2-factor authentication detail required to authenticate, using Corppass, the identity of an entity;

“Court” means a Protection from Harassment Court;

“electronic filing service” means the electronic filing and case management service established under rule 7;

“expedited protection order” means an order made under section 13 of the Act;

“false statement order” means a correction order, a disabling order, a general correction order, a stop publication order or a targeted correction order;

“intended relevant party”, in relation to any PH proceedings, means any person against whom a claim is made, or an order is sought, in the PH proceedings;

“interim false statement order” means an interim disabling order, an interim notification order, an interim stop publication order or a targeted interim notification order;

“judge” means a Protection from Harassment Court Judge;

“proper address” means —

- (a) in the case of a natural person, the person’s usual or last known address or the business address of the person’s solicitor; or
- (b) in the case of an entity, its registered or principal office or, if none exists, its last known place of business or its solicitor’s address;

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“Protection from Harassment proceedings” or “PH proceedings” means Part 3 proceedings as defined in section 2(1) of the Act;

“protection order” means an order made under section 12 of the Act;

“relevant party” —

- (a) in relation to an order under the Act, has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Act; and
- (b) in relation to an award under section 11 of the Act, means an individual or entity against which the award is made;

“Rules of Court” means the Rules of Court 2021 (G.N. No. S 914/2021);

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“simplified proceedings” means proceedings to which Part 2 applies;

“Singpass” means the identity authentication service, known as Singapore Personal Access, by which an individual authenticates the individual’s identity in order to carry out an online transaction with the Government or a public body;

“Singpass credential” means any username, password, 2-factor authentication detail required to authenticate, using Singpass, the identity of an individual;

“standard proceedings” means proceedings to which Part 3 applies;

“working day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

(2) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words have the meanings given by section 2(1) of the Act:

“author”, “communication”, “correction order”, “court”, “disabling order”, “entity”, “general correction order”, “interim disabling order”, “interim notification order”, “interim stop publication order”, “internet intermediary”, “offending communication”, “Protection from Harassment Court”, “Protection from Harassment Court Judge”, “publish”, “related person”, “Registrar”, “statement”, “stop publication order”, “targeted correction order” and “targeted interim notification order”.

(3) In these Rules, any reference to a numbered form is a reference to the form bearing the corresponding number set out in the Second Schedule.

### **Application of Part 2**

**3.—**(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4), Part 2 applies to a claim or counterclaim commenced in the Protection from Harassment Court on or after 1 June 2021 and PH proceedings arising from such a claim or counterclaim (called in this rule the relevant proceedings).

(2) Part 2 does not apply if —

- (a) the relevant proceedings include any claim under section 11 of the Act for damages exceeding \$20,000;
- (b) there are more than 5 respondents in the relevant proceedings;
- (c) there is more than one claimant in the relevant proceedings;
- (d) the claim is commenced more than 2 years after any cause of action in the claim accrued; or
- (e) any proceedings other than PH proceedings are to be heard with the relevant proceedings.

(3) Part 2 does not apply to —

- (a) PH proceedings commenced in the General Division of the High Court, the Family Justice Court or a District Court (other than a Protection from Harassment Court) under section 16I of the Act;
- (b) a claim under section 11 of the Act commenced in the Magistrate's Court under section 16I of the Act;
- (c) PH proceedings refiled in accordance with Part 3 pursuant to a direction under paragraph (4);
- (d) enforcement proceedings arising from PH proceedings; or
- (e) committal proceedings arising from PH proceedings.

(4) A Protection from Harassment Court may discontinue PH proceedings commenced under Part 2 and direct the PH proceedings



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to be refiled in the Protection from Harassment Court in accordance with Part 3.

### **Application of Part 3**

- 4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and rule 6, Part 3 applies to —
- (a) PH proceedings commenced on or after 1 June 2021 under section 16I of the Act; and
  - (b) PH proceedings mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) that are subsequently transferred under section 16J of the Act or any other written law.
- (2) Part 3 does not apply to PH proceedings in the Protection from Harassment Court to which Part 2 applies under rule 3.

### **Application of Part 5**

5. Part 5 applies in relation to PH proceedings to which Part 2 applies under rule 3 or PH proceedings to which Part 3 applies under rule 4, unless the court directs otherwise.

### **Rules do not apply to Family Justice Courts**

6. These Rules do not apply to any proceedings in the Family Justice Courts, unless otherwise expressly provided.

## **PART 2**

### **SIMPLIFIED PROCEEDINGS**

#### *Division 1 — Simplified proceedings conducted through electronic filing service*

### **Electronic filing service**

7. The Registrar may, with the approval of the Presiding Judge of the State Courts, establish an electronic filing and case management service for the following purposes:

- (a) to facilitate the submission of appropriate Forms and documents relating to simplified proceedings;

- (b) to facilitate the service of appropriate Forms and documents relating to simplified proceedings;
- (c) to facilitate, by electronic means, the settlement of disputes and the conduct of simplified proceedings.

### **Authentication**

**8.—(1)** Subject to paragraph (3), an individual must authenticate the individual's identity using Singpass in order to access the electronic filing service to carry out an online transaction involving the individual.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), a person who is authorised by an entity to carry out through the electronic filing service an online transaction involving the entity must authenticate the identity of the entity using Corppass in order to access the electronic filing service to carry out that transaction for the entity.

(3) The Registrar may, on application by a party that is unable to authenticate the party's identity using Singpass or Corppass, issue the party with a username and password to enable the party to access the electronic filing service to carry out an online transaction involving the party.

(4) A party that is issued a username and password under paragraph (3) —

- (a) must ensure the confidentiality and security of the username and password; and
- (b) must not —
  - (i) divulge the username and password to any other person; or
  - (ii) permit any other person to use the username and password.

(5) An individual must not facilitate the use, by any other person, of the individual's Singpass credentials to access the electronic filing service.

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(6) An entity must not facilitate the use, by any unauthorised person, of the Corppass credentials of the entity to access the electronic filing service.

### **Information on party**

9. Each party to simplified proceedings must —
- (a) enter, through such means as may be provided by the electronic filing service for the recording of information on the party's profile, such information on the party as the electronic filing service may require; and
  - (b) if there is any change to that information, update that information by entering, through such means as may be provided by the electronic filing service, the details of the change.

### **Time of filing of appropriate Form or document, submitted through electronic filing service**

10.—(1) If an appropriate Form or document is submitted through the electronic filing service, the appropriate Form or document is treated as filed on the date and at the time the first part of the transmission of the appropriate Form or document is received in the electronic filing service.

(2) Despite paragraph (1), where the submission of an appropriate Form or document through the electronic filing service is unsuccessful or delayed because of a failure or inability of the electronic filing service to transmit or process the appropriate Form or document, the Registrar may —

- (a) on the Registrar's own motion or on the application of the party who submitted the appropriate Form or document, make an order for the appropriate Form or document to be treated as filed on an earlier date than that on which the first part of the transmission of the appropriate Form or document is actually received in the electronic filing service; and

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(b) in the case of an unsuccessful submission, require the appropriate Form or document to be resubmitted through the electronic filing service.

(3) Every application under paragraph (2)(a) must be accompanied by proof, to the satisfaction of the Registrar, of the matters relied on to support the application.

(4) Where an appropriate Form or document rejected under rule 13(6) is refiled through the electronic filing service, the appropriate Form or document is treated as filed only on the date on which it is subsequently accepted for filing by the Registrar, and not before.

### **Time of service**

**11.—**(1) This rule applies where the Registrar has notified any of the following persons (called in this rule the notified person) that the notified person has been given the right to access the electronic filing service to view any document served on the party in relation to simplified proceedings specified in the notice:

(a) a party to the simplified proceedings;

(b) any other person who carries out an online transaction through the electronic filing service in relation to the simplified proceedings.

(2) A notice given by the Registrar to the notified person through the electronic filing service is treated as served on the notified person 24 hours after the time the Registrar sends the notice to that notified person through the electronic filing service.

(3) Any party required to serve a document on the notified person in relation to the simplified proceedings may serve the document on the notified person by submitting that document through the electronic filing service, and that document is treated as served on the notified person 24 hours after the time that document is treated as filed under rule 10.

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**Negotiation through electronic filing service**

**12.** The parties to simplified proceedings may use the negotiation module in the electronic filing service to facilitate a settlement acceptable to all of the parties.

*Division 2 — Administration***Forms and documents**

**13.—(1)** Every appropriate Form or document relating to simplified proceedings required to be filed must be submitted through the electronic filing service, unless the Registrar directs otherwise.

(2) Every appropriate Form must contain the particulars, and be accompanied by the documents, specified in the appropriate Form or by a judge or the Registrar, as the case may be.

(3) An appropriate Form may be used in any particular case with such variations as the circumstances of that case require.

(4) Every appropriate Form marked with the word “seal” must bear the seal of the State Courts.

(5) If a document to be filed or received in simplified proceedings is not in the English language, it must be accompanied by a translation of the document verified by the statement of a person qualified to translate the document, before the document may be filed or received in the simplified proceedings.

(6) An appropriate Form or document may be rejected by the Registrar if the appropriate Form or document does not comply with this Part or with any practice directions mentioned in rule 14.

**Practice directions**

**14.—(1)** The Registrar may issue practice directions for the purposes of this Part.

(2) Documents required to be filed for the purposes of this Part must comply with the requirements of, and contain the information and particulars of parties or other persons required by, every applicable practice direction issued by the Registrar.

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**Communication between Registrar and party**

**15.**—(1) The Registrar may communicate with any party to simplified proceedings —

- (a) through the electronic filing service;
- (b) by electronic mail sent to an electronic mail address designated by that party;
- (c) through any messaging system that is agreed between the Registrar and that party; or
- (d) by any other means that is agreed between the Registrar and that party.

(2) Where a party designates an electronic mail address, or agrees to communicate with the Registrar by a means of communication mentioned in paragraph (1)(c) or (d), that party must monitor that means of communication for any communication from the Registrar to that party, until the conclusion of the simplified proceedings involving that party.

**Record of proceedings**

**16.** The Registrar must keep a record of all simplified proceedings in the form and manner determined by the Registrar.

*Division 3 — Claim process***Claim**

**17.**—(1) A claim is made by filing the appropriate Form through the electronic filing service.

(2) At the time of filing a claim, the claimant must —

- (a) pay the applicable fee; and
- (b) file every document on which the claimant relies or will rely in the claim.

(3) The claimant must serve a copy of the claim and every document mentioned in paragraph (2)(b) on —

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- (a) each intended relevant party within 14 days after the date of filing the claim, unless the Protection from Harassment Court directs otherwise; and
  - (b) any other person on whom the claim is directed to be served under rule 68(1) within the time required by rule 68(2).

(4) The claimant must file a declaration of service in the appropriate Form within 8 days after the date of service in accordance with paragraph (3).

(5) The Protection from Harassment Court may grant an expedited protection order, an interim stop publication order or an interim notification order despite the failure to serve the claim or any document in accordance with this rule.

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### **Response to claim**

**18.—**(1) A person on whom a claim is served and who intends to file a response to a claim must, within 14 days after being served with the claim and the claimant's documents, file and serve on the claimant —

- (a) a response in the appropriate Form; and
- (b) every document on which that person relies or will rely in the response.

(2) At the time of filing a response, the person making the response must pay the applicable fee.

(3) The person who files a response must file a declaration of service in the appropriate Form within 8 days after the date on which the response is served on the claimant.

### **Counterclaim against claimant**

**19.—**(1) A person on whom a claim is served and who intends to make a counterclaim must file and serve on the claimant a counterclaim in the appropriate Form.

(2) At the time of filing a counterclaim, the person making the counterclaim must pay the applicable fee.

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- (3) This Part (except rule 17(1)) applies to a counterclaim as if —
- (a) the counterclaim were a claim;
  - (b) the person making the counterclaim were the claimant; and
  - (c) the person against whom the counterclaim is made were an intended relevant party.

(4) Where a counterclaim is filed in accordance with this rule, the Registrar must fix a case management conference or hearing, as appropriate, for both the claim and the counterclaim.

(5) A counterclaim may be proceeded with regardless of whether the claim is granted, stayed, discontinued, withdrawn, dismissed or settled.

(6) Where the whole or part of a counterclaim is relied on as a response to the whole or part of a claim for damages under section 11 of the Act, a Protection from Harassment Court may —

- (a) set off the amount of the whole or part of the counterclaim against the amount of the whole or part of the claim; and
- (b) proceed to make an appropriate order.

### **Pending claims**

**20.**—(1) Paragraph (2) applies where 2 or more claims are pending before a Protection from Harassment Court, and it appears to the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar —

- (a) that some common question of law or fact arises in all the claims;
- (b) that the rights to relief claimed (whether they are joint, several or alternative) are in respect of the same conduct or course of conduct; or
- (c) that it is desirable to make an order under this rule for the just, expeditious and economical disposal of any claim.

(2) The Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar may order any of the claims mentioned in paragraph (1) —

- (a) to be heard together or immediately after another of those claims; or



- (b) to be stayed until after the determination of any other of those claims.

### **Amendment of claim or response to claim**

**21.—**(1) A claimant may amend the claim once (without the consent of any other party or permission of a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar) by filing the amended claim with the Registry if the claim has not been served on any of the persons required to be served under rule 17(3).

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(2) In any other case, a claimant may amend a claim which has been served only —

- (a) if the claimant files with the Registry —
- (i) the written consent to the amendment of all the persons served with the claim; and
  - (ii) a notice in the appropriate Form; or
- (b) with the permission of a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar and on any terms and in the manner under paragraph (4).

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(3) A person may amend a response which has been served —

- (a) if the person making the response files with the Registry —
- (i) the written consent to the amendment by the claimant; and
  - (ii) a notice in the appropriate Form; or
- (b) with the permission of a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar and on any terms and in the manner under paragraph (4).

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(4) A Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar may grant permission for a claim or response to be amended under paragraph (2)(b) or (3)(b), as the case may be —

- (a) on such terms as to costs or otherwise as the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar considers just; and

(b) in such manner as that Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar may direct.

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(5) The amended claim under paragraph (2) or amended response under paragraph (3) must be filed with the Registry within 7 days after —

(a) the written consent and notice under paragraph (2)(a) or (3)(a) (as the case may be) are filed; or

(b) the permission of the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar under paragraph (2)(b) or (3)(b) is given.

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(6) An amended claim must be served on every party and person required to be served the claim under rule 17(3) within the time mentioned in paragraph (5).

(7) An amended response must be served on the claimant within the time mentioned in paragraph (5).

(8) A declaration of service in the appropriate Form must be filed with the Registry within 8 days after the date of service in accordance with paragraph (6) or (7), as the case may be.

(9) Paragraph (2) does not allow a claim to be amended to include any additional intended relevant party who was not identified in the claim.

(10) Subject to this rule, the other provisions of these Rules (except Part 3) apply to an amended claim or amended response under this rule as they apply to a claim under rule 17 or a response under rule 18, as the case may be.

### **Withdrawal and discontinuance**

**22.—**(1) A claimant may discontinue a claim or withdraw any part of a claim (without the consent of any other party or the permission of a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar) by filing a notice in the appropriate Form, if the claim has not been served on any of the persons required to be served under rule 17(3).

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(2) In any other case, a claimant may discontinue a claim, or withdraw any part of a claim, after filing the claim only —

- (a) if the claimant files with the Registry —
  - (i) the written consent of all the persons served for the claim to be discontinued or withdrawn; and
  - (ii) a notice in the appropriate Form; or
- (b) with the permission of a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar and on any terms directed by the Court or Registrar.

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(3) A party who has filed a response under rule 18 may withdraw the response by filing a notice in the appropriate Form with the Registry if the response has not been served on the claimant.

(4) Where a response has been served on the claimant, that party may not withdraw the response, except —

- (a) if that party files with the Registry —
  - (i) the written consent of the claimant to do so; and
  - (ii) a notice in the appropriate Form; or
- (b) with the permission of a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar to do so and on any terms directed by the Court or Registrar.

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(5) The fact that a claim has been discontinued or withdrawn, in and of itself —

- (a) does not preclude a party from filing a fresh claim for the same or substantially the same claim; and
- (b) is not a defence to a subsequent claim for the same, or substantially the same claim.

### **Order for discovery and production of documents**

**23.—**(1) A Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar may order the discovery and production of any document at any stage of simplified proceedings before the Court or Registrar (as the case may

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be) if the Court or Registrar considers that the order is necessary either for the fair disposal of the claim or for the saving of costs.

(2) Where any party claims privilege in relation to or objects to the production of any document, the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar may —

- (a) inspect the document to determine whether the document is privileged from production or should not be ordered to be produced for any other reason; and
- (b) if the Court or Registrar determines otherwise, order the production of the document.

(3) If any party fails to comply with an order (made under this rule or otherwise) by a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar for the discovery or production of any document, the Court or Registrar may make such order as the Court or Registrar thinks fit, including an order that the claim be dismissed or the response be struck out, as the case may be.

### **Permission to file or serve further documents**

**24.**—(1) Where any documents have been filed and served on any person under rule 17, 18, 19, 21 or 22, further documents may be filed or served under that rule in the same action only with the permission of a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar.

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(2) Subject to paragraph (1), no other documents may be filed or served at any stage of simplified proceedings except with the permission of a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar.

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### **Conduct of hearings**

**25.** A Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar may conduct a case management conference or any other hearing by using electronic, mechanical or any other means.

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## Orders or directions in simplified proceedings

**26.—**(1) A Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar may, at any time after a claim is filed, direct any party to the simplified proceedings to appear before the Court or Registrar, for the Court or Registrar to make such order or give such directions as the Court or Registrar thinks fit for the just, expeditious and economical disposal of the cause or matter.

(2) The orders and directions that the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar (as the case may be) may make or give under paragraph (1) include one or more of the following:

- (a) an order that the claimant or any intended relevant party attend such mediation, conciliation, counselling or psychiatric assessment as the Court or Registrar may direct;
- (b) any direction necessary for and incidental to the proper carrying into effect of an order under sub-paragraph (a);
- (c) an order that all further proceedings in the claim be stayed until the claimant or any intended relevant party has attended the mediation, conciliation, counselling or psychiatric assessment, as the case may be;
- (d) if the parties agree to settle some or all of the matters in dispute in the claim or proceedings, a consent order or an order or a direction to give effect to the settlement;
- (e) an order that proceedings be stayed until a certain date, until further application, or indefinitely;
- (f) an order that the name of a person improperly joined be struck out from the proceedings;
- (g) an order that any claim be struck out on the basis that it is not within the jurisdiction of the Court, including but not limited to any claim purportedly made as a related claim under the Act;
- (h) in the event any party fails to appear at the hearing, an order dismissing the claim or striking out the response (as the case may be) or granting permission to enter

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judgment on the claim or any part of the claim, even if the interests of the absent party may be prejudicially affected by such order;

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- (i) a direction that the hearing of the proceedings be adjourned to a later date on such terms as the Court or Registrar thinks fit;
- (j) an order that a party pay security for costs of the proceedings on such terms as the Court or Registrar thinks fit.

(3) All parties to simplified proceedings must be informed of the date and time appointed for them to appear before the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar by way of a notice in accordance with the appropriate Form, and each party must comply with all directions contained in such notice.

(4) In addition, where any party fails to comply with any order made or direction given by the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar, the Court or Registrar may make such order as the Court or Registrar thinks just including, in particular, an order dismissing the claim or striking out the response (as the case may be) or granting permission to enter judgment on the claim or any part of the claim.

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### **Assessment of damages by Registrar**

27. Where judgment is given in simplified proceedings for damages to be assessed and no provision is made by the judgment as to how they are to be assessed, the damages are to be assessed by the Registrar.

### **Simplified proceedings before Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar**

28.—(1) All simplified proceedings are to be conducted in private unless otherwise ordered by the Protection from Harassment Court.

(2) Simplified proceedings before a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar may be conducted in an informal manner and

the Court or Registrar (as the case may be), when dealing with a claim, may adopt a judge-led approach.

- (3) A Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar —
- (a) is not bound by rules of evidence in the conduct of simplified proceedings; and
  - (b) may obtain information on any matter in such manner as the Court or Registrar (as the case may be) thinks fit.

(4) For the purpose of facilitating the fair and expedient determination of any matter in simplified proceedings before the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar, the Court or Registrar (as the case may be) may make an order or a direction for the modification or exclusion of any provision of these Rules or the Rules of Court in relation to those proceedings.

### **Representation before Protection from Harassment Court**

**29.**—(1) Subject to the directions of or terms imposed by the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar, for the purposes of any hearing before a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar, a party to simplified proceedings may —

- (a) act in person if he or she has the legal capacity to do so;
- (b) be represented in accordance with paragraph (2); or
- (c) be represented by a solicitor duly authorised to act on behalf of the party, with the permission of the Court or Registrar.

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- (2) A party may be represented by any of the following persons:
- (a) if the party is a body corporate — by a full-time employee of the body corporate, or a director, chief executive, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate;
  - (b) if the party is a limited liability partnership — by a full-time employee of the limited liability partnership, or a partner, manager or other similar officer of the limited liability partnership;

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- (c) if the party is a partnership — by a partner or a full-time employee of the partnership;
- (d) if the party is an unincorporated association — by a member of the governing body or a full-time employee of the unincorporated association;
- (e) if the party is under 18 years of age — by his or her parent or guardian, with the permission of the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar, as the case may be;  
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- (f) if the party, in the opinion of the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar, is unable to present his or her own case by reason of old age, infirmity of body or mind, illiteracy or any other sufficient reason, not amounting to a lack of capacity within the meaning of section 4 of the Mental Capacity Act (Cap. 177A) — by a person who is duly authorised in writing by that party, with the permission of the Court or Registrar, as the case may be;  
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- (g) if the party is not resident in Singapore and is unable to remain in Singapore for the simplified proceedings — by any other person who is duly authorised in writing by that party, with the permission of the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar, as the case may be.  
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- (3) An application for permission required under paragraph (1)(c) or (2)(e), (f) or (g) must be made by filing the appropriate Form.  
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- (4) The decision of the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar on any application for permission under paragraph (3) is final and is not subject to any appeal.  
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### **Extension and abridgement of time**

**30.—**(1) A Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar may, on such terms as the Court or Registrar thinks just, by order extend or abridge the period within which a person is required or authorised by



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these Rules, or by any decision, direction or order of a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar, to do any act in simplified proceedings before a Protection from Harassment Court.

(2) The period mentioned in paragraph (1) may be extended although the application for extension is not made until after the expiration of that period.

(3) This rule does not apply to any periods relating to —

- (a) an appeal from the Registrar to a Protection from Harassment Court;
- (b) an application to a Protection from Harassment Court for permission to appeal to the General Division of the High Court; and

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- (c) an appeal from a Protection from Harassment Court to the General Division of the High Court after permission is granted by a Protection from Harassment Court.

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### **Consent order**

**31.**—(1) Where any parties to simplified proceedings have reached a settlement acceptable to those parties, they may notify the Registrar that they wish to record a consent order.

(2) A Protection from Harassment Court may record the consent order without requiring the parties to appear before the Protection from Harassment Court.

(3) Where the Protection from Harassment Court has recorded a consent order under paragraph (2), the Registrar must inform the parties of —

- (a) the recording of the consent order; and
- (b) the judge or Registrar who recorded the consent order.

### **Correction of errors**

**32.**—(1) A Protection from Harassment Court may, on its own motion or on the application of a party to the simplified proceedings, correct an order made by the Court, or correct a statement of the

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Court's grounds for making the order, to the extent necessary to rectify any of the following things:

- (a) a clerical mistake;
- (b) an error arising from an accidental slip or omission;
- (c) a miscalculation of figures, or a mistake in the description of any person, thing or matter, referred to in the order or statement, as the case may be;
- (d) a defect of form.

(2) For the purposes of computing time for filing an appeal from an order corrected under paragraph (1), time runs from the date of the original order that was made by the Protection from Harassment Court, unless the Court orders otherwise.

#### *Division 4 — Witnesses*

#### **Form and issue of summons**

**33.**—(1) A Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar may, on the Court's or Registrar's own motion or upon the application of a party to the simplified proceedings in the appropriate Form, summon any person by a summons in the appropriate Form —

- (a) to attend before the Court at the time and place specified in the summons;
- (b) to give evidence at the hearing; or
- (c) to produce to the Court such document, record or thing in the person's possession, custody or power as is specified in the summons.

(2) The applicable fee is payable on filing an application to summon a witness under paragraph (1).

(3) The Protection from Harassment Court may determine —

- (a) the sum (if any) to be paid to the person summoned under paragraph (1) for each day or part of a day during which the person is required to be present in the Protection from Harassment Court;

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- (b) which party is to pay the sum mentioned in sub-paragraph (a); and
  - (c) where 2 or more persons are to pay such sum, how that sum is to be apportioned between those persons.

### **Service of summons on witness**

**34.**—(1) Every summons issued under rule 33 must be served on the witness to be summoned.

(2) A summons must not be served on any witness outside Singapore.

(3) The obligation on a witness summoned under rule 33 to attend any hearing extends to any time and place to which the hearing may be adjourned.

(4) A Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar may direct a party who served the summons to file a declaration of service in the appropriate Form.

### *Division 5 — Setting aside, variation, suspension or cancellation of decision, direction or order and appeal from Registrar*

### **Service and notification of orders**

**35.**—(1) A protection order, an expedited protection order, a stop publication order or an interim stop publication order must be served on every relevant party.

(2) An order mentioned in paragraph (1) served on any additional relevant party, who was not identified in the order, must be served together with a notification in the appropriate Form naming that additional relevant party.

(3) Where an order mentioned in paragraph (1) is to apply to another additional relevant party, who was not identified in the order or in a notification served under paragraph (2), a further notification naming that other additional relevant party must be served on that other additional relevant party with the order.

(4) Where a party wishes to amend a notification filed and served by that party under this rule (called the earlier notification) in respect

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of a person named in the notification, the party may file another notification (called the amended notification) in the appropriate Form to amend and replace the earlier notification.

(5) The party filing the amended notification must serve it on each person on whom the earlier notification was served.

(6) Every notification, further notification or amended notification mentioned in paragraph (2), (3) or (4) must be filed before it is served, and such filing may be done without the permission of the Protection from Harassment Court.

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(7) In this rule, “additional relevant party” means —

- (a) a third party or an internet intermediary mentioned in section 12(2E) or (2F) or 13(1B) or (1C) of the Act; or
- (b) an individual or entity mentioned in section 15A(3) of the Act,

as the case may be.

### **Setting aside of decision, direction or order given in absence of party**

**36.—**(1) A decision, a direction or an order given or made by a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar in the absence of a party may be set aside by the Court or Registrar (as the case may be) on the application of that party.

(2) An application to set aside a decision, a direction or an order under paragraph (1) must be made by filing the appropriate Form with the facts and evidence in support of the application within —

- (a) 7 days after the date of the decision, direction or order; or
- (b) such longer period as the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar (as the case may be) may allow.

(3) The applicant must, at the time the application is filed, pay the applicable fee.

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- (4) The applicant must serve the application on —
- (a) every other party to the claim to which the decision, direction or order to be set aside relates, within 7 days after the date on which the application is filed; and
  - (b) any other person on whom the application is directed to be served under rule 68(1), within the time required by rule 68(2).
- (5) A person who intends to reply to the application must, within 7 days after being served with the application under paragraph (4), file and serve on the applicant a reply in the appropriate Form containing the facts and evidence in reply.
- (6) The Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar hearing the application —
- (a) may set aside the decision, direction or order, on such terms as the Court or Registrar thinks just; and
  - (b) may proceed to hear the claim or make any other orders or directions as the Court or Registrar thinks just.
- (7) Where any party or person does not appear at the hearing of the application, despite being served the application under paragraph (4), the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar may hear the application and make a decision in the absence of that party or person, even if the interests of that party or person may be prejudicially affected by the decision.

### **Application for variation, suspension or cancellation of orders**

**37.—**(1) An application under the Act to vary, suspend or cancel any order made in relation to simplified proceedings must, unless the Protection from Harassment Court or Registrar allows otherwise, be made by filing the appropriate Form with the facts and evidence in support of the application.

- (2) The applicant must serve the application on —
- (a) every other party to the claim for the order, within 7 days after the date on which the application is filed; and

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- (b) any other person on whom the application is directed to be served under rule 68(1), within the time required by rule 68(2).
- (3) The Protection from Harassment Court may —
- (a) give such directions for the hearing of the application as the Court thinks fit;
  - (b) conduct the hearing of the application in such manner as the Court thinks fit; and
  - (c) where any party or person does not appear at the hearing of the application despite being served the application under paragraph (2), proceed to hear the application and make a decision in the absence of that party or person, even if the interests of that party or person may be prejudicially affected by the decision.
- (4) Any order made by a Protection from Harassment Court pursuant to the application must be served by the applicant —
- (a) in such manner as the Court may direct; and
  - (b) on the following persons:
    - (i) every other party to the application;
    - (ii) any other person whom the Court may direct.

### **Appeal from decision, direction or order of Registrar**

**38.**—(1) An appeal lies to a judge from any decision, direction or order of the Registrar.

(2) The appeal must be brought by filing, and serving on every other party to the claim to which the decision, direction or order appealed against relates, a notice in the appropriate Form to attend before the Protection from Harassment Court on a date specified in the notice.

(3) The applicant must, at the time the notice is filed, pay the applicable fee.

(4) Unless a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar orders otherwise, the notice must be —

- (a) filed within 7 days after the decision, direction or order appealed against was given or made; and
- (b) served on all other parties within 7 days after the notice is filed.

(5) Unless a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar directs otherwise, an appeal under this rule does not operate as a stay of the simplified proceedings in which the appeal is brought.

### *Division 6 — Appeal to General Division of High Court*

#### **Application of this Division**

**39.** This Division applies to appeals against any of the following award or orders, made or given by a Protection from Harassment Court in simplified proceedings:

- (a) an award under section 11 of the Act;
- (b) a protection order;
- (c) a false statement order;
- (d) a mandatory treatment order.

#### **Permission to appeal**

**40.—(1)** An application for permission to appeal from a Protection from Harassment Court must be made in the appropriate Form.

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(2) Unless a Protection from Harassment Court orders otherwise, the application must be filed within 7 days after the date on which the award or order being appealed against was made or given.

(3) The applicant for permission must, at the time the application is filed, pay the applicable fee.

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(4) The applicant for permission must serve the application on —

- (a) every other party in relation to the award or order appealed against, within 14 days after the date on which the application is filed; and

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- (b) any other person on whom the application is directed to be served under rule 68(1), within the time required by rule 68(2).

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(5) Where any person served under paragraph (4) intends to oppose the application, that person must within 14 days after being served with the application, file and serve on the applicant for permission a response in the appropriate Form.

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(6) Where the applicant for permission or any party or person served with the application under paragraph (4) does not appear at the hearing of the application for permission, a Protection from Harassment Court may hear the application and make a decision in the absence of the applicant, party or person, even if the interests of the applicant, party or person may be prejudicially affected by the decision.

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(7) A Protection from Harassment Court may, at any time after the application for permission to appeal is filed, convene a case management conference or direct the applicant and any other party to appear before the Court for a case management conference, for the Court to make such orders or give such directions as the Court thinks fit for the just, expedient and economical disposal of the application, including the grant of permission to withdraw the application or a consent order.

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(8) Where a Protection from Harassment Court refuses an application for permission, the Court may order the applicant for permission to pay costs (including disbursements) to all or any of the other parties, but the costs (excluding disbursements) ordered to be paid to each party must not exceed \$1,000.

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(9) Where no person has been served with the application under paragraph (4), the applicant for permission may, without the permission of a Protection from Harassment Court, withdraw the application by filing the appropriate Form with the Registry.

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(10) Where any person has been served with the application under paragraph (4), the applicant for permission may withdraw the application by —

- (a) filing the written consent of every person who has been served with the application; or
- (b) obtaining the permission of a Protection from Harassment Court to withdraw the application.

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(11) Where an application is withdrawn under paragraph (10), a Protection from Harassment Court may order the applicant for permission to pay to any other party such costs and disbursements as may be just.

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### **Notice of appeal to General Division of High Court**

**41.—**(1) Where permission is given to appeal against an award or order of a Protection from Harassment Court, a notice of appeal may be filed in the General Division of the High Court either in respect of the whole, or in respect of any specified part, of the award or order.

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(2) Notice of appeal in the appropriate Form must be served on —

- (a) every other party in relation to the award or order appealed against, within 14 days after the date on which the permission to appeal is given; and

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- (b) any other person on whom the notice of appeal is directed to be served under rule 68(1), within the time required by rule 68(2).

(3) Every notice of appeal must state the award or order appealed against, contain an address for service, and be signed by the appellant or the appellant's solicitor.

(4) The Registrar must assign a number to the notice of appeal and enter the appeal on the list of appeals.

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**Fees for appeal**

**42.** An appellant must, at the time of filing a notice of appeal under rule 41 —

- (a) pay the applicable fee; and
- (b) deposit with the Registrar such sum as the Registrar may require towards the fee for making copies of the record of proceedings.

**Security for costs**

**43.—(1)** The appellant must, at the time of filing the notice of appeal —

- (a) provide security for the respondent's costs of appeal in the sum of \$500 by submitting the appropriate Form to, and depositing that sum with, the Accountant-General; and
- (b) obtain from the Accountant-General a certificate of deposit of security for costs.

(2) The appellant must, at the time of depositing the sum of \$500 with the Accountant-General, pay the applicable fee.

(3) The General Division of the High Court may at any time, in any case where it thinks fit, order further security for costs to be provided by the appellant.

(4) Where under rule 45(6) or 47(4) the appeal is deemed to be withdrawn, any sum deposited as security for costs under this rule must be paid out —

- (a) if all the parties to the appeal consent to the payment of that sum to the appellant, and a document signifying their consent is filed — to the appellant; or
- (b) in accordance with an order of the General Division of the High Court.

(5) Every application for an order under paragraph (4)(b) must be filed in the appropriate Form.

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**Record of proceedings**

**44.—**(1) When a notice of appeal has been filed, the Protection from Harassment Court which made the order must certify in writing the grounds of the order, but any delay or failure to so certify does not prevent the appellant from proceeding with the appeal.

(2) As soon as possible after the notice of appeal has been filed, the Registrar must cause to be served on the appellant, at the appellant's address for service specified in the notice of appeal, a notice that a copy of the record of proceedings is available.

**Appellant's case**

**45.—**(1) Where the appellant desires to proceed with the appeal, the appellant must —

(a) file with the Registrar the appellant's case in the appropriate Form; and

(b) serve a copy of the appellant's case on every party or person required to be served the notice of appeal under rule 41(2).

(2) The appellant's case must —

(a) be signed by the appellant; and

(b) contain concisely and under distinct heads, without argument or narrative, particulars of the matters in which the Protection from Harassment Court is alleged to have erred, such particulars to be numbered consecutively.

(3) The appellant must, at the time of filing the appellant's case, pay the applicable fee.

(4) Except with the permission of the General Division of the High Court, the appellant may rely at the hearing of the appeal only on the grounds of appeal set out in the appellant's case.

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(5) The appellant's case must be filed and served —

(a) within 21 days after the Registrar serves on the appellant a notice under rule 44(2) that a copy of the record of proceedings is available; or

(b) such longer period as the General Division of the High Court may allow on the appellant's application.

(6) If the appellant's case is not filed within the time required under paragraph (5), the appeal is deemed to have been withdrawn.

### **Respondent's case**

**46.**—(1) A respondent to an appeal who desires to contend on the appeal that the award or order should be varied, either in any event or in the event of the appeal being allowed in whole or in part, must so state in the respondent's case and specify the grounds of that contention.

(2) A respondent who desires to contend on the appeal that an award or order of a Protection from Harassment Court should be affirmed on grounds other than those relied upon by the Court must so state in the respondent's case and specify the grounds of that contention.

(3) Except with the permission of the General Division of the High Court, a respondent is not entitled, on the hearing of the appeal —

- (a) to contend that the award or order of the Protection from Harassment Court should be varied upon any ground not specified in the respondent's case;
- (b) to apply for any relief not so specified; or
- (c) to support the order of the Protection from Harassment Court upon any ground not relied upon by the Protection from Harassment Court or specified in the respondent's case.

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(4) A respondent must, within 7 days after the service of the appellant's case on the respondent —

- (a) file with the Registrar the respondent's case in the appropriate Form;
- (b) pay the applicable fee; and

- (c) serve a copy of the respondent's case on each appellant, and any other person on whom the General Division of the High Court may direct.

(5) The General Division of the High Court may extend the time specified in paragraph (4) for filing and serving the respondent's case.

### **Record of appeal**

**47.**—(1) Within 14 days after the filing of the appellant's case under rule 45, the appellant must —

- (a) file with the Registrar 3 copies of the record of appeal; and
- (b) serve a copy of the record of appeal on each respondent in the appeal.

(2) The record of appeal consists of a copy of each of the following:

- (a) the notice of appeal;
- (b) the certificate of deposit of security for costs;
- (c) the appellant's case, if any;
- (d) the respondent's case, if any;
- (e) the record of proceedings mentioned in rule 44;
- (f) the award or order appealed from;
- (g) any other documents necessary for showing the matter decided and the nature of the appeal.

(3) Where the appellant fails to comply with paragraph (1), any respondent who has filed a respondent's case may proceed with the appeal, if the respondent, within such time as may be allowed by the Registrar —

- (a) files with the Registrar 3 copies of the record of appeal; and
- (b) serves a copy of the record of appeal on the appellant and every other respondent in the appeal.

(4) The appeal is deemed to be withdrawn —

- (a) where no respondent has filed a respondent's case, and the appellant fails to comply with paragraph (1); or

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- (b) where the appellant fails to comply with paragraph (1) after a respondent has filed a respondent's case, and every respondent who filed a respondent's case fails to comply with paragraph (3).
- (5) The General Division of the High Court may extend —
- (a) the time for an appellant to comply with paragraph (1); and
- (b) the time for a respondent to comply with paragraph (3).
- (6) The Registrar must, on receiving the 3 copies of the record of appeal —
- (a) transmit 2 of those copies, together with the exhibits put in evidence at the hearing, to the Registrar of the Supreme Court; and
- (b) give notice to the parties to the appeal in the appropriate Form.

### **Stay of enforcement pending appeal**

**48.** Where a notice of appeal has been filed against an award or order of a Protection from Harassment Court, a Protection from Harassment Court or the General Division of the High Court may, on application filed by the appellant in the appropriate Form, order a stay of enforcement of the award or order on such terms as the Protection from Harassment Court or General Division of the High Court thinks just.

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### **Judgment or order on appeal to be sent to Registrar**

**49.** Whenever an appeal is decided by the General Division of the High Court, the Registrar of the Supreme Court must send to the Registrar a certified copy of the judgment or order.

### *Division 7 — Costs and fees*

#### **Costs**

**50.—(1)** A Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar may, in making a decision as to the award of costs and disbursements and the amount of costs and disbursements to be allowed, take into

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account the principle of proportionality and any of the following matters:

- (a) whether the whole or any part of a claim —
  - (i) discloses no reasonable cause of action;
  - (ii) is struck out or dismissed for being scandalous, frivolous or vexatious;
  - (iii) may prejudice, embarrass or delay the fair hearing of the simplified proceedings before the Court or Registrar; or
  - (iv) is otherwise an abuse of the process of the Court or Registrar;
- (b) whether it is just and equitable to make the award or order or award the costs;
- (c) the parties' conduct in relation to any attempt at resolving the claim by mediation;
- (d) the extent to which the parties have followed any applicable rules, pre-action protocol or practice direction for the time being issued by the Registrar.

(2) A Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar may, at any stage of the simplified proceedings, order any party to the simplified proceedings to pay, to any other party to the simplified proceedings, such costs and disbursements (including document fees) as the Court or Registrar thinks fit.

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(3) To avoid doubt, disbursements include document fees, interpreters' fees and hearing fees.

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(4) Unless a Protection from Harassment Court or the Registrar directs otherwise, any costs and disbursements awarded must be paid within 7 days after the decision of the Court or Registrar as to costs and disbursements.

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**Fees for simplified proceedings**

**51.**—(1) Despite rule 61, the applicable fees specified in the First Schedule are payable for simplified proceedings.

(2) An applicable fee must be paid to the Registry of the State Courts within the time and in the manner directed by the Registrar.

**Waiver, refund or remission of fees**

**52.**—(1) The Registrar may, in any case, on such terms and conditions as the Registrar deems fit, waive, defer the payment of, or refund the whole or any part of any applicable fee, or direct that the whole or any part of any fees be paid by any party or be apportioned among all or any of the parties.

(2) Any party requesting a refund of the whole or any part of the applicable fees under paragraph (1) must make a written request to the Registrar within one month after the last hearing date.

**PART 3****STANDARD PROCEEDINGS****Application for protection order**

**53.**—(1) An application for a protection order must be made by filing an originating application in Form 1 and supported by an affidavit in Form 2.

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(2) The applicant for a protection order must serve a copy of the documents mentioned in paragraph (1) on —

(a) each intended relevant party within 14 days after the date of filing the originating application, unless the court directs otherwise; and

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(b) any other person on whom the documents are directed to be served under rule 68(1), within the time required by rule 68(2).



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(3) The applicant must file a memorandum of service in Form 21 within 8 days after the date of service in accordance with paragraph (2).

(4) An applicant for a protection order who wishes to apply for an expedited protection order must so indicate in the originating application relating to the application for the protection order.

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(5) Where an affidavit has been filed in support of an application for a protection order, no further affidavit is to be filed or served in support of that application (including any expedited protection order indicated in the application), except with the permission of the court.

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(6) A person who is served the documents under paragraph (2) may file an affidavit in reply in Form 3 within 14 days after being served the documents, and no further affidavit is to be filed or served in support of the reply except with the permission of the court.

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(7) The court may grant an expedited protection order despite the failure to serve the documents under paragraph (2).

(8) Order 15, Rule 7(6)(c) of the Rules of Court does not apply to any proceedings for a protection order.

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### **Form and notification of protection order or expedited protection order**

**54.**—(1) A protection order —

(a) must be in Form 4; and

(b) must be served by the applicant on every relevant party of the order, and every other person on whom the order is directed to be served under rule 68(1).

(2) An expedited protection order —

(a) must be in Form 4;

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- (b) must be served by the applicant —
- (i) on every relevant party of the order, and every other person on whom the order is directed to be served under rule 68(1); and
  - (ii) together with a copy each of the application for the order and the affidavit in support of the application, if these were previously not served on the relevant party or person mentioned in sub-paragraph (i); and

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- (c) must contain, or be served together with an order of the court containing, the court's directions mentioned in sub-paragraph (b)(i).

(3) An order under section 12(2E) or (2F) or 13(1B) or (1C) of the Act served on a third party or an internet intermediary mentioned in that provision (called in this rule an additional relevant party), who was not identified in the order, must be served together with a notification in Form 5 naming that additional relevant party.

(4) Where an order mentioned in paragraph (3) is to apply to another additional relevant party, who was not identified in the order or in a notification served under that paragraph, a further notification in Form 5 naming that other additional relevant party must be served with the order on that other additional relevant party.

(5) A party who wishes to amend a notification, which is served by that party under paragraph (3) or (4) in respect of an additional relevant party named in the notification, must do so by serving a copy of the amended notification on every additional relevant party who was served the notification before it was amended.

(6) Every notification, further notification or amended notification mentioned in paragraph (3), (4) or (5) (as the case may be) must be filed before it is served, and such filing may be done without the permission of court.

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**Application to vary, suspend or cancel protection order, etc.**

**55.**—(1) An application to vary, suspend or cancel a protection order or an expedited protection order must be —

- (a) made by summons in Form 6 in the originating application in which the protection order was made; and

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- (b) supported by an affidavit in Form 7.

(2) The applicant must serve the application and supporting affidavit on —

- (a) every other party to the claim for the order, within 7 days after the date on which the application is filed; and

- (b) any other person on whom the application is directed to be served under rule 68(1), within the time required by rule 68(2).

(3) The court may —

- (a) give such directions for the hearing of the application as the court thinks fit;

- (b) conduct the hearing of the application in such manner as the court thinks fit; and

- (c) where any party or person does not appear at the hearing of the application despite being served under paragraph (2), proceed to hear the application and make a decision in the absence of the party or person, even if the interests of the party or person may be prejudicially affected by the decision.

(4) Any order made by the court pursuant to the application must be served by the party in whose favour the order is made, on the following persons as the court may direct:

- (a) each person required to be served under paragraph (2);

- (b) every other person on whom the order is directed to be served under rule 68(1).

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**Application for false statement order or interim false statement order**

**56.—**(1) An application for a false statement order must be made by filing an originating application in Form 8 supported by an affidavit in Form 9.

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(2) The applicant for a false statement order must serve a copy of the documents mentioned in paragraph (1) on —

(a) each intended relevant party, within 14 days after the date of filing the originating application, unless the court directs otherwise; and

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(b) any other person on whom the documents are directed to be served under rule 68(1), within the time required by rule 68(2).

(3) The applicant must file a memorandum of service in Form 21 within 8 days after the date of service in accordance with paragraph (2).

(4) An applicant for a false statement order who wishes to apply for a corresponding interim false statement order must —

(a) so indicate in the originating application relating to the application for the false statement order; or

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(b) where the application for the false statement order has already been made — apply by a summons or a summons without notice (as the case may be) in Form 8A in the originating application for the false statement order, supported by an affidavit in Form 9.

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(5) Where an affidavit has been filed in support of an application under paragraph (1) or (4)(b), no further affidavit is to be filed or served in support of that application except with the permission of the court.

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(6) Each person who is served the documents under paragraph (2) may file an affidavit in reply in Form 10 within 14 days after being so

served, and no further affidavit is to be filed or served in support of that person's reply except with the permission of the court.

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(7) The court may grant an interim stop publication order or interim notification order despite the failure to serve the documents in support of the application under paragraph (2).

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(8) Order 15, Rule 7(6)(c) of the Rules of Court does not apply to any proceedings in the application for a false statement order or an interim false statement order.

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### **Form and notification of false statement order or interim false statement order**

**57.—(1)** A false statement order —

- (a) must be in Form 11;
- (b) must be served by the applicant on each relevant party of the order and every other person on whom the order is directed to be served under rule 68(1); and  
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- (c) must contain, or be served with an order of the court containing, the court's directions mentioned in sub-paragraph (b).

**(2)** An interim false statement order —

- (a) must be in Form 11;
- (b) must be served by the applicant —
  - (i) on each relevant party of the order, and every other person on whom the order is directed to be served under rule 68(1); and
  - (ii) together with a copy each of the application for the interim false statement order and the affidavit in support of the application, if these were previously not served on the relevant party or person; and

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(c) must contain, or be served together with an order of the court containing, the court's directions mentioned in sub-paragraph (b)(i).

(3) A stop publication order or an interim stop publication order (as the case may be) served on an individual or entity mentioned in section 15A(3) of the Act (called in this rule an additional relevant party), who was not identified in the order, must be served together with a notification in Form 12 naming that additional relevant party.

(4) Where an order mentioned in paragraph (3) is to apply to another additional relevant party, who was not identified in the order or in a notification served under that paragraph, a further notification in Form 12 naming that other additional relevant party must be served with the order on that other additional relevant party.

(5) A party who wishes to amend a notification, served by that party under paragraph (3) or (4) in respect of a person named in the notification, must do so by serving an amended notification on every additional relevant party who was served the notification before it was amended.

(6) Every notification, further notification and amended notification mentioned in paragraph (3), (4) or (5) (as the case may be) must be filed before it is served, and such filing may be done without the permission of court.

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### **Application to vary, suspend or cancel false statement order or interim false statement order**

**58.**—(1) An application to vary, suspend or cancel a false statement order or an interim false statement order must be —

(a) made by summons in Form 13 in the originating application in which the false statement order or interim false statement order (as the case may be) was made; and

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(b) supported by an affidavit in Form 14.

(2) The applicant must serve the application and supporting affidavit on —

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- (a) every other party to the claim for the order, within 7 days after the date on which the application is filed; and
- (b) any other person on whom the application is directed to be served under rule 68(1), within the time required by rule 68(2).
- (3) The court may —
- (a) give such directions for the hearing of the application as the court thinks fit;
- (b) conduct the hearing of the application in such manner as the court thinks fit; and
- (c) where any party or person does not appear at the hearing of the application despite being served under paragraph (2), proceed to hear the application and make a decision in the absence of the party or person, even if the interests of the party or person may be prejudicially affected by the decision.
- (4) Any order made by the court pursuant to the application must be served by the party or person in whose favour the order is made, on the following:
- (a) each party or person required to be served under paragraph (2);
- (b) every other person on whom the order is directed to be served under rule 68(1).

### **Action for damages under section 11 of Act**

**59.** To avoid doubt, where this Part applies, an action for damages under section 11 of the Act must be commenced by originating claim under the Rules of Court.

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### **Appeal relating to application for protection order or false statement order**

**59A.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), Order 2, Rule 10 or Rule 12, Order 18 and Order 19 of the Rules of Court (as the case may be) apply to an appeal against a decision of a court in relation to a

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protection order or false statement order or the refusal of such an order.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), the references to “all parties who have an interest in the appeal” in the provisions of the Rules of Court mentioned in that paragraph are to be read, unless the Court otherwise directs, as a reference to the following persons:

- (a) the applicant for the protection order or false statement order;
- (b) the respondent to the application for the protection order or false statement order;
- (c) every relevant party in relation to the protection order or false statement order;
- (d) any other person on whom the application is directed to be served under rule 68(1) of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Protection from Harassment) Rules 2021.

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(3) The time for service under Order 2, Rule 10 or Rule 12, Order 18 and Order 19 of the Rules of Court on a person mentioned in paragraph (2)(d) is the time required by rule 68(2) of these Rules.

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### **Joinder as party**

**60.** Without limiting the powers under Order 9, Rule 10 of the Rules of Court, a court may, on an application by any of the following persons, join that person as a party to any PH proceedings in the court:

- (a) where the PH proceedings relate to an application for a protection order requiring an internet intermediary to disable access to an alleged offending communication — a third party that published the alleged offending communication by means of an internet intermediary service provided by the internet intermediary;
- (b) where the PH proceedings relate to a false statement order or an interim false statement order —



- (i) the author of the relevant statement to which that order relates; or
  - (ii) an individual or entity that published the relevant statement to which that order relates;
- (c) any other person who has standing to be joined in the proceedings.

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### **Costs, disbursements and fees for PH proceedings**

**61.**—(1) The fees in the Fourth Schedule to the Rules of Court applicable to a Magistrate’s Court apply in relation to PH proceedings in the Protection from Harassment Court, despite the Protection from Harassment Court being a District Court.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the costs and disbursements awarded to a person who commenced PH proceedings in accordance with Part 3 in any court on or after 1 April 2022, when those proceedings could have been commenced in accordance with Part 2 instead, must not exceed the costs and disbursements which would have been awarded if the proceedings were conducted under Part 2.

(3) Paragraph (2) does not apply if the court is satisfied there was reason to believe that it was just, expeditious and economical to do so instead of commencing the proceedings in accordance with Part 2.

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## **PART 4**

### **MANDATORY TREATMENT ORDER**

#### **Application for mandatory treatment order**

**62.** An applicant for a protection order may apply for a mandatory treatment order under section 13B(1) of the Act against the respondent to the protection order (called in this Part the respondent) by so indicating in the appropriate Form or Form 1 (as the case may be) used to apply for the protection order.

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### **Preliminary assessment report**

**63.**—(1) Where the court calls for a preliminary assessment report for the purpose of making a determination under section 13B(3)(a) of the Act, the court may make an order under section 13B(6) of the Act in the appropriate Form or Form 15, as the case may be.

(2) The preliminary assessment report may be disclosed to the applicant for the mandatory treatment order to which the report relates (if any) only if the applicant —

- (a) applies for permission to appeal against a decision of the court not to call for a formal assessment report; and  
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- (b) gives an undertaking to pay damages in the event of improper use or disclosure of the report, as the court may require.

### **Formal assessment report**

**64.**—(1) For the purpose of obtaining a formal assessment report under section 13B(3)(b) of the Act, the court may make an order under section 13B(7) of the Act in the appropriate Form or Form 16, as the case may be.

(2) The formal assessment report may be disclosed to the applicant for the mandatory treatment order (if any) only if the applicant —

- (a) applies for permission to appeal against the refusal to make the mandatory treatment order applied for; and  
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- (b) gives an undertaking to pay damages in the event of improper use or disclosure of the report, as the court may require.

### **Mandatory treatment order**

**65.**—(1) A mandatory treatment order must be in the appropriate Form or Form 17, as the case may be.

(2) The appointed psychiatrist on whose formal assessment report a mandatory treatment order is based may apply to vary or revoke the

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mandatory treatment order in Form 18 supported by an affidavit in Form 19, or in the appropriate Form, as the case may be.

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(3) The appointed psychiatrist must serve the application to vary or revoke a mandatory treatment order on the person who applied for the mandatory treatment order (if any) and the respondent within 7 days after the date on which the application is filed.

(4) The person who applied for the mandatory treatment order (if any) and the respondent may file an affidavit in Form 20 or a reply in the appropriate Form (as the case may be) in response to the application to vary or revoke a mandatory treatment order.

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(5) Where the court varies or revokes a mandatory treatment order on the application of an appointed psychiatrist, the appointed psychiatrist must serve the order to vary or revoke the mandatory treatment order on the person who applied for the mandatory treatment order (if any) and the respondent within 7 days after the order to vary or revoke the mandatory treatment order is made.

### **Service of orders by applicant**

**66.** The applicant who applied for a mandatory treatment order must serve the following orders on the respondent within the time specified by the court:

- (a) the mandatory treatment order;
- (b) an order under section 13B(6) or (7) of the Act.

### **Appeal relating to application for mandatory treatment order**

**66A.—**(1) Subject to paragraph (2), Order 2, Rule 10 or Rule 12, Order 18 or Order 19 of the Rules of Court (as the case may be) apply to an appeal in relation to the following decisions of the court made in standard proceedings:

- (a) a decision of the court to call or not to call for a formal assessment report;
- (b) a decision of the court in relation to a mandatory treatment order or the refusal of such an order.

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(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), the references to “all parties who have an interest in the appeal” in the provisions of the Rules of Court mentioned in that paragraph are to be read to refer to the following persons, unless the Court otherwise directs:

- (a) the applicant for a mandatory treatment order, if any;
- (b) the respondent to the application for the mandatory treatment order;
- (c) the appointed psychiatrist in relation to the mandatory treatment order;
- (d) any other person on whom the application or notice of appeal is directed to be served under rule 68(1) of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Protection from Harassment) Rules 2021.

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(3) The time for service under Order 2, Rule 10 or Rule 12, Order 18 and Order 19 of the Rules of Court on a person mentioned in paragraph (2)(d) is the time required by rule 68(2) of these Rules.

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## PART 5

### GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT PROCEEDINGS

#### **Identification of party whose name is unknown**

**67.** For the purposes of Part 2 or 3, where the name of any person to whom a protection order, an expedited protection order, a false statement order or an interim false statement order is intended to apply is unknown, that person may be identified by —

- (a) an Internet location address or a website associated with that person; or
- (b) a username or an account, an electronic mail address or any other unique identifier used by or associated with that person.

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**Service requirements**

**68.**—(1) The court may give directions for the service of documents filed in PH proceedings, including directions on the means of service or for service out of jurisdiction, on the following persons:

- (a) the claimant or applicant, as the case may be;
- (b) an individual or entity against which a claim or an order is sought, or any other person who may reasonably be expected to be affected by the claim or application;
- (c) where a protection order requiring an internet intermediary to disable access to an alleged offending communication is sought — a third party that published the alleged offending communication by means of the internet intermediary;
- (d) where the claim is for a false statement order or an interim false statement order —
  - (i) the author of the relevant statement to which that order relates; or
  - (ii) an individual or entity that published the relevant statement to which that order relates.

(2) Where these Rules require any person to serve a document on another person under these Rules, the document must be served on that other person within 14 days (or any other period as directed by the court) after the date of filing of the document, unless otherwise provided by these Rules.

**Means of service**

**69.**—(1) Without affecting anything in these Rules or the Rules of Court permitting the service of a document in any manner, any document filed in relation to PH proceedings may be served in accordance with paragraph (2) or as the court may direct under paragraph (3) or (4).

(2) Where the proper address in Singapore of the person to be served is known, service on that person may be effected —

- (a) by leaving with that person a copy of that document;

- (b) by posting a copy of that document on the front door of the proper address of that person; or
- (c) by sending a copy of that document by registered post to the proper address of that person.

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(3) Where the proper address of the person to be served is not known —

- (a) if that person has an electronic mail address, then the court may direct that the document be served by sending an electronic communication of that document to that electronic mail address;
- (b) if that person has an account on any social media or social networking website, and that social media or social networking website provides a mechanism for that person to receive electronic communications in that account, then the court may direct that the document be served by sending an electronic communication of that document to that account; or
- (c) if that person has an Internet website, a blog or a page on any social media or social networking website, and that Internet website, blog or social media or social networking website provides a mechanism for the posting of comments on that Internet website, blog or page of that social media or social networking website, then the court may direct that the document be served by posting an electronic communication of that document on that Internet website, blog or page on that social media or social networking website.

(4) Where there is no known proper address of the person to be served, and paragraph (3) does not apply to that person, the court may direct that the document be served by causing a notice containing the following information to be posted on such Internet website or other website as the court may specify:

- (a) a statement identifying that document;

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- (b) a statement that the person to be served may obtain that document from —
- (i) the person serving that document; or
  - (ii) if the person serving that document is represented by a solicitor, the solicitor;
- (c) the electronic mail address, or such contact details as the court may specify, of the person serving that document or solicitor, as the case may be.

(5) Any document sent by registered post to any person in accordance with paragraph (2) is to be treated as duly served on the person at the time when the document would in the ordinary course of post be delivered.

(6) In proving service of any document sent by registered post to any person in accordance with paragraph (2), it is sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the document was properly addressed, stamped and posted by registered post.

(7) The court may, in an appropriate case, dispense with service of any document on any person.

(8) Despite Order 23, Rule 4 of the Rules of Court, the following orders under the Act may be enforced under Order 23, Rule 2 of the Rules of Court, if a copy of the order is served in accordance with these Rules:

- (a) a protection order;
- (b) an expedited protection order;
- (c) a mandatory treatment order;
- (d) a false statement order;
- (e) an interim false statement order;
- (f) any order made pursuant to an application under section 12(7), 13(3A), 13B(18), 15(5) or 16(6) of the Act.

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**Permission for service out of Singapore**

**70.—(1)** Despite Order 8 of the Rules of Court —

(a) where a document is filed in an originating application by which any proceedings in respect of a protection order, a false statement order or an interim false statement order is begun, the court may also grant permission for the document to be served out of Singapore, if the court is satisfied that —

(i) the person to be served is not in Singapore; and

(ii) the case is a proper one for the service of the document out of Singapore;

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(b) the court may grant such approval without an application under Order 8, Rule 1 of the Rules of Court; and

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(c) the court may be satisfied of the matters referred to in sub-paragraph (a)(i) and (ii) by any information contained in any document filed in the originating application.

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(2) Paragraph (1) applies, with the necessary modifications, to the grant of permission for a document filed in simplified proceedings to be served out of Singapore.

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**Undertaking on use of relevant information**

**71.—(1)** The court may require any party to any PH proceedings, any of their representatives or any person given access to relevant information to give the following undertakings in respect of relevant information:

(a) to use the relevant information only in the conduct of those PH proceedings;

(b) to use the relevant information for any other purpose only with the permission of every party to the PH proceedings



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likely to be affected by the use of that material, or with the permission of the court.

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- (2) In this rule, “relevant information” means —
- (a) any statement made or material disclosed to the party or the person in the course of the PH proceedings;
  - (b) any medical report or psychiatric report disclosed to the party or the person in the course of the PH proceedings; and
  - (c) any record of PH proceedings obtained under rule 73.

### **Redaction of particulars and other information**

**72.** A court may, on its own motion or on the application of any party to any PH proceedings before the court, if it deems it to be necessary or expedient in the interest of justice, public safety or propriety, at any time make an order —

- (a) to remove or redact any information from any document that has been, or will be, filed or produced in the PH proceedings before the court; or
- (b) prohibiting any act that would be likely to lead to the identification of any party or witness in the PH proceedings.

### **Searches, etc.**

**73.—**(1) After an order has been made under the Act in any PH proceedings, any person may, with the permission of the Registrar, search, inspect and take a copy of any part of the record relating to those PH proceedings.

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(2) Despite paragraph (1), a party to any PH proceedings may, at any stage of the PH proceedings, with the permission of the Registrar, search, inspect and take a copy of any part of the record relating to those PH proceedings.

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(3) The Registrar may redact any part of any record made available to a person under paragraph (1) or (2).

(4) The applicable fee is payable to the Registrar at the time of the request to search, inspect or take a copy of the record under paragraph (1) or (2).

### **Directions for and conduct of Protection from Harassment proceedings**

74.—(1) The court may —

- (a) give such directions for the hearing of any PH proceedings as the court thinks fit;
- (b) conduct the hearing of any PH proceedings in any manner as the court thinks fit; and
- (c) where any party does not appear at the hearing of any PH proceedings, proceed to hear the PH proceedings and make a decision in the absence of the party, even if the interests of the party may be prejudicially affected by the decision.

(2) The court may under paragraph (1)(a) or (b) make directions on one or more of the following matters:

- (a) the giving of evidence, whether orally or in writing, on oath or affirmation;
- (aa) the period within which or manner in which objections to the contents of the affidavit or other evidence of a witness must be taken;  
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- (b) the calling of a witness to give evidence with a view to assisting in the determination of the claim, whether or not any party will be calling that witness to give evidence for that party;
- (c) the length of written submissions, if any;
- (d) subject to section 62A of the Evidence Act (Cap. 97), the giving of evidence through a live video or live television link;

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- (e) subject to any written law or rule of law restricting the disclosure, or relating to the confidentiality, of any document or information —
    - (i) the disclosure of any document or information;
    - (ii) whether any document or information should be treated as confidential; and
    - (iii) whether any party to the PH proceedings may inspect any document;
  - (f) dispensing with the attendance before the court or Registrar of any party, with the consent of the party;
  - (g) the time limits for the giving of evidence and presentation of submissions;
  - (h) upon entering interlocutory judgment, the assessment of damages by the Registrar;
  - (i) the making of an order referring the applicant for a protection order, an expedited protection order, a false statement order or an interim false statement order or any intended relevant party to attend such counselling, mediation or psychiatric assessment as the court may direct;
  - (j) the giving of any direction necessary for and incidental to the proper carrying into effect of an order under sub-paragraph (i);
  - (k) the staying of all further proceedings in the application until the applicant mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or any intended relevant party has attended the counselling, mediation or psychiatric assessment (as the case may be) ordered by the court.
- (3) A document which was at any time subject to any privilege or duty of confidentiality must not be relied on unless the party entitled to the privilege or confidentiality consents or the court approves.
- (4) A document mentioned in paragraph (3) does not lose its privilege or confidentiality, even if it —

- (a) was relied on by a party, whether or not with the consent of the party entitled to the privilege or confidentiality or the approval of the court; or
- (b) was disclosed or taken inadvertently or unlawfully by anyone.

### **Act for which payment is required need not be performed until payment is made**

75.—(1) Where the court is required to do anything for which a fee is to be paid under the Act or these Rules, the court may decline to do that thing until the fee is paid or payment is made, and the court may make such directions as it deems fit, including the dismissal of the matter.

(2) If a fee to be paid under the Act or these Rules is not received by the Registrar within the prescribed time, the claim, response, application or reply (as the case may be) to which the fee relates, is deemed to be withdrawn, and no further notice need be given by the court to any party.

(3) Failure to pay the fee does not preclude a party from filing the claim, response, application or reply (as the case may be) again, but the Registrar may revoke or suspend the approval to file such claim, response, application or reply.

### **Effect of non-compliance with these Rules**

76.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), where, in any PH proceedings before a court, there has been a failure to comply with any requirement of these Rules, the failure is to be treated as an irregularity and does not nullify the proceedings, any step taken in the proceedings, or any decision, direction or order given by the court.

(2) A court may, on the ground that there has been a failure mentioned in paragraph (1), and on such terms as to costs or otherwise as the court thinks just —

- (a) set aside either wholly or in part the PH proceedings in which the failure occurred, any step taken in those PH proceedings, or any document, decision, direction or order in those PH proceedings; or

- (b) exercise the court's powers under these Rules to allow such amendments (if any) to be made and to make such order (if any) dealing with the PH proceedings generally as the court thinks fit.

(3) The Registrar may exercise any power of a court under paragraph (2), but cannot set aside a decision, a direction or an order made by a judge.

### **Residual power to ensure justice**

77. Where there is no express provision in these Rules or the applicable provisions of the Rules of Court on any matter, the court may do whatever it considers necessary on the facts of the case before it to ensure that justice is done, so long as it is not prohibited by law.

## PART 6

### PERMISSION TO COMMENCE PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 16I OF ACT

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### **Application for permission to commence Protection from Harassment proceedings**

78. An application for permission to commence PH proceedings in the first instance in a Magistrate's Court, a District Court (other than a Protection from Harassment Court) or the General Division of the High Court under section 16I of the Act —

- (a) must be made by originating application; or
- (b) in relation to a claim under section 11 of the Act, may be made by summons,

supported by affidavit and filed in that court.

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## PART 7

TRANSFER OF PROCEEDINGS  
UNDER SECTION 16J OF ACT**Transfer from Protection from Harassment Court, District Court or Magistrate's Court**

79.—(1) An application for the transfer of proceedings under section 16J of the Act must be made in the following manner:

(a) for the transfer of a claim under section 11 of the Act or related civil proceedings from a Magistrate's Court to the Protection from Harassment Court — by originating application, supported by affidavit, filed in the District Court;

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(b) for a transfer of PH proceedings or related civil proceedings from a District Court to the Protection from Harassment Court — by summons in the cause or matter to be transferred filed in the District Court;

(c) for a transfer of civil proceedings (other than PH proceedings) from a Protection from Harassment Court to a Magistrate's Court or the District Court — by summons in the cause or matter to be transferred filed in the District Court;

(d) for a transfer of a claim under section 11 of the Act in simplified proceedings from the Protection from Harassment Court to a Magistrate's Court or the District Court — by an application in the appropriate Form filed in the Protection from Harassment Court;

(e) for a transfer of a claim under section 11 of the Act in standard proceedings from the Protection from Harassment Court to a Magistrate's Court or the District Court — by summons in the claim to be transferred filed in the Protection from Harassment Court;

(f) for a transfer of PH proceedings in simplified proceedings from the Protection from Harassment Court to a District Court — by an application in the appropriate Form in the

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claim to be transferred filed in the Protection from Harassment Court;

- (g) for a transfer of PH proceedings in standard proceedings from the Protection from Harassment Court to a District Court — by summons in the cause or matter to be transferred filed in the Protection from Harassment Court;

*[S 724/2024 wef 15/10/2024]*

- (h) for a transfer of PH proceedings (other than a claim under section 11 of the Act) in simplified proceedings from the Protection from Harassment Court to the Family Court — by an application in the appropriate Form in the claim to be transferred filed in the Protection from Harassment Court;

*[S 724/2024 wef 15/10/2024]*

- (i) for a transfer of PH proceedings (other than a claim under section 11 of the Act) in standard proceedings from the Protection from Harassment Court to the Family Court — by summons in the cause or matter to be transferred filed in the Protection from Harassment Court.

*[S 724/2024 wef 15/10/2024]*

(2) The court hearing an application for the transfer of proceedings under section 16J of the Act may order the proceedings to be stayed until after the final determination of the application.

(3) The court may, on making an order for transfer under section 16J of the Act, give any direction as is necessary for, and incidental to, the proper carrying into effect of the order.

(4) Where an order is made for the transfer of any proceedings under section 16J of the Act from the Protection from Harassment Court, a District Court or a Magistrate's Court (as the case may be), the Registrar must give notice of the transfer to each party to the proceedings.

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PART 8  
GENERAL

**No splitting of actions relating to Protection from Harassment proceedings**

**80.** Without limiting section 35 of the State Courts Act 1970 and subject to sections 16I and 16J of the Act and these Rules, unless the court directs otherwise in respect of any PH proceedings before that court, all PH proceedings brought by the same applicant against a respondent must be brought in the same action before the same court if the rights to relief claimed under the PH proceedings —

- (a) are in respect of or arise out of the same conduct or course of conduct; or
- (b) involves the same or substantially similar offending communications or false statements.

*[S 193/2022 wef 01/04/2022]*

**Time for compliance with judgment or order**

**81.** Subject to the Act, if no time for compliance is stated in a judgment or an order in PH proceedings, the judgment or order is deemed to require immediate compliance.

**Rules of Court apply unless otherwise provided**

**82.—(1)** Unless otherwise provided under the Act or these Rules, the Rules of Court (including Order 3, Rule 2) apply with the necessary modifications to all proceedings in the Protection from Harassment Court and all PH proceedings, and for this purpose a reference to the “Rules of Court” or “these Rules” in the Rules of Court includes a reference to these Rules.

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(2) Order 9, Rules 16 and 17 of the Rules of Court do not apply in relation to simplified proceedings.

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 FIRST SCHEDULE

Rules 2(1) and 51(1)

## FEES FOR SIMPLIFIED PROCEEDINGS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Fee</i>
1.	On filing a claim under rule 17 or a counterclaim under rule 19 for —	
	(a) damages —	
	(i) not exceeding \$10,000	\$30
	(ii) above \$10,000	\$60
	(b) a protection order, with or without an expedited protection order	\$30
	(c) a false statement order or an interim false statement order	\$30
2.	On filing a reply or response to —	
	(a) a claim under rule 17 or a counterclaim under rule 19	\$10
	(b) an application under rule 36 to set aside a decision, a direction or an order	\$10
	(c) an application under rule 37 to vary, suspend or cancel an order	\$10
	(d) an application under rule 40 for permission to appeal against a decision, a direction or an order	\$10
3.	On filing an application for redaction under rule 72	\$10
4.	On filing an application for permission for representation under rule 29	\$10
5.	On filing an application to set aside a decision, a direction or an order under rule 36	\$10
6.	On filing an application to vary, suspend, or cancel an order under rule 37	\$10
7.	On filing an application to summon a witness under rule 33 at least 3 working days before the hearing of the claim	\$10

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*

8.	On filing an application to summon a witness under rule 33 less than 3 working days before the hearing of the claim	\$20
9.	On filing a notice of appeal from a decision, a direction or an order of the Registrar under rule 38	\$100
10.	On filing an application for permission to appeal to the General Division of the High Court under rule 40	\$10
11.	On filing a notice of appeal to the General Division of the High Court under rule 41	\$600
12.	On filing an appellant's case under rule 45	\$600
13.	On filing a respondent's case under rule 46	\$300
14.	Providing security for the respondent's costs of appeal —	
	(a) on submitting the appropriate Form to, and depositing money as security for the respondent's costs of appeal with, the Accountant-General under rule 43	\$10
	(b) on filing a notice of payment into court	\$10
	(c) on obtaining a certificate of deposit of security for costs under rule 43	\$10
15.	Search, inspection or taking a copy of records under rule 73 —	
	(a) on every request for certified copy of record of proceedings (or any part of it)	\$8 per document plus \$5 per page
	(b) on every request to search or inspect record	\$10
16.	Hearing of a claim or counterclaim before a court for the whole or part of each day of hearing (excluding the first day of hearing)	\$100

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SECOND SCHEDULE

Rule 2(3)

## FORMS

## FORM 1

Rules 53(1)  
and 62

APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION ORDER  
[WITH EXPEDITED PROTECTION  
ORDER/MANDATORY TREATMENT  
ORDER]\* UNDER PROTECTION FROM  
HARASSMENT ACT  
(CHAPTER 256A)

IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

O.S. No.    )  
of 20    .)

In the matter of an application under section(s) [12(2)/12(2E)/12(2F)/13/13B]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act.

And in the matter of (*name of victim*).

*Applicant.*

## ORIGINATING APPLICATION

Let all parties concerned attend before the [District Judge/Protection from Harassment Court Judge]\* on (*date and time*), on the hearing of an application by (*name of applicant*) for the following orders:

1. A protection order under section 12(2) providing that:

(a) \*pursuant to section 12(2B)(a): (*Name of Respondent*) is prohibited from doing the following thing(s) in relation to (*name of applicant*):

[*specify thing(s)*]

(b) \*pursuant to section 12(2B)(a): (*Name of Respondent*) is prohibited from doing the following thing(s) in relation to the related person(s) named below, being [a person/persons]\* about whose safety or well-being (*name of applicant*) would reasonably be expected to be seriously concerned:

[*specify related person(s) and thing(s) in relation to each named related person*]

(c) \*pursuant to section 12(2B)(b): (*Name of Respondent*) must stop publishing the following communication(s) or not publish any

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

communication that is substantially similar to the following communication(s):

[*specify particulars of the alleged offending communication(s)*]

2. A protection order under section 12(2E) providing that:
  - (a) <sup>\*+</sup>(*Name of third party*) must stop publishing (within the time specified by the court) or not publish the communication specified in paragraph 1(c) or any communication that is substantially similar to that communication.
  - (b) <sup>\*+</sup>any third party must stop publishing (within the time specified by the court) or not publish the communication specified in paragraph 1(c) or any communication that is substantially similar to that communication.
3. <sup>\*+</sup>A protection order under section 12(2F) providing that the internet intermediary must disable access by end-users of its internet intermediary service provided in Singapore to the following material:

[*specify internet intermediary; its internet intermediary service; and the material to which access is to be disabled*]
4. \* An expedited protection order under section 13 in respect of the following orders:

[*specify for which of the above orders an expedited protection order is sought, e.g. the order mentioned in paragraph 1(a)*]
5. \* Where the court makes a protection order under section 12(2) mentioned in paragraph 1, a mandatory treatment order under section 13B providing that (*Name of Respondent*) must undergo psychiatric treatment for a period not exceeding 36 months.

Dated this      day of              20      .

*Registrar.*

This summons is taken out by (*name of applicant or applicant's solicitor*) whose address is (*address of applicant or applicant's solicitor*).

\*Delete where inapplicable.

<sup>+</sup>Repeat this Part if there is more than one person to whom the order under section 12(2E) or (2F) of the Protection from Harassment Act is to apply.

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SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

## FORM 2

Rule 53(1)      AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION  
 FOR PROTECTION ORDER [WITH  
 EXPEDITED PROTECTION  
 ORDER/MANDATORY TREATMENT  
 ORDER]\* UNDER PROTECTION FROM  
 HARASSMENT ACT  
 (CHAPTER 256A)

IN THE STATE COURTS  
 OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

O.S. No.    )  
 of 20      )

[Title as in Form 1]

## AFFIDAVIT

I, (*name of applicant*), the applicant, do make oath (or affirm) and say that the statements contained in the document exhibited and marked “A” are true.

Sworn (or affirmed) on [*date*]; at [*location*]; (through the interpretation of [*name of interpreter*]).

EXHIBIT “A”  
 INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

**Part A — Applicant’s Particulars**

1. My particulars are as follows:
  - (a) Name:
  - (b) NRIC No. (for Singapore citizen) or No., type and country of issue of foreign identification document (for foreign citizen):
  - (c) Address for service:
2. I am deposing this affidavit in my [own capacity/capacity as (*state capacity*)]\*.

**Part B — Application for protection order against Respondent**

3. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Respondent’s particulars are as follows:
  - (a) Name or, if the name is unknown, Unique Identifier (e.g. Internet location address, website, username or account or email address):

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

- (b) NRIC No. (for Singapore citizen) or No., type and country of issue of foreign identification document (for foreign citizen):
- (c) Address for service:
- (d) Other electronic means of contacting the Respondent:
- (e) Relationship to me:
4. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Respondent has the following presence on the Internet:
- (a) Internet website address(es):
- (b) Blog (or weblog) address(es):
- (c) Account(s) on social media or social networking website(s):
- (d) Page(s) on social media or social networking website(s):
5. I believe that the Respondent [is/is not]\* in Singapore because [*state reasons for the belief*].
6. The Respondent has contravened section(s) [3/4/5/6/7]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act.
7. The Respondent contravened the provision(s) of the Protection from Harassment Act mentioned in paragraph 6 by doing the following things:  
[*specify how the Respondent has contravened the provisions mentioned in paragraph 6; specify whether the contravention involves an offending communication; specify whether the Respondent has been convicted of any offence under section 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 of the Protection from Harassment Act or section 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 329, 330, 331 or 333 of the Penal Code, in respect of the applicant*]
8. The things which the Respondent did (as mentioned in paragraph 7) have the following effects on me or a related person:  
[*specify the effects, in particular, any harassment, alarm, distress, injury or other harm caused*]
9. \*The particulars of the offending communication(s) are as follows:  
[*specify particulars of the alleged offending communication(s)*]
10. \*The particulars of each publication by the Respondent of the offending communication (including the Internet location address of each publication on the Internet, if any) are as follows:  
[*specify the particulars*]

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 SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

11. \*I attach the following evidence in support of my statements at paragraphs [6/7/8/9/10]\*:
- (a) Document(s):
  - (b) Photograph(s):
  - (c) Other evidence (including electronic documents or records):
12. I [have/have not]\* approached the Respondent to remove the offending communication(s) mentioned in paragraph 9.
- (a) \*The Respondent's response to my approach was [*describe Respondent's response*].
  - (b) \*I did not approach the Respondent because [*state reasons*]:
13. I believe that the Respondent —
- (a) \*is likely to continue contravening the provision(s) of the Protection from Harassment Act mentioned in paragraph 6.
  - (b) \*is likely to commit a new contravention of section(s) [3/4/5/6/7]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act.
14. I attach the following evidence in support of my statement(s) at paragraph 13:
- (a) Document(s):
  - (b) Photograph(s):
  - (c) Other evidence (including electronic documents or records):
15. I [have lodged a police report on [*date*] at [*time*]/have not lodged a police report]\* in respect of the Respondent's contravention of the provision(s) of the Protection from Harassment Act mentioned in paragraph 6.
16. Medical attention [has/has not]\* been sought in respect of any injury or harm specified in paragraph 8. [The particulars of the medical attention sought are as follows:
- (a) Date and time:
  - (b) Receipt No. or Registration No.:
  - (c) Diagnosis or Treatment: ]\*

**<sup>+</sup>Part C — Application for expedited protection order against Respondent**

17. I believe that the Respondent is likely to continue or to commit the contraventions mentioned in paragraph 13 imminently.

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

18. I believe that the continuation or commission of the contraventions mentioned in paragraph 13 is likely to have a substantial adverse effect on me or my day-to-day activities.

**+Part D — Application for mandatory treatment order against Respondent**

19. I am applying for a mandatory treatment order to be made against the Respondent under section 13B of the Protection from Harassment Act upon the Court granting my application for an order under section 12(2) of the Protection from Harassment Act against the Respondent.
20. I believe the Respondent is suffering from a psychiatric condition which is likely to be a contributing factor for the Respondent's conduct in paragraph 7 because [*state reasons for the belief, identifying the psychiatric condition if possible*].
21. I attach the following evidence in support of my statement at paragraph 20:
- (a) Document(s):
  - (b) Photograph(s):
  - (c) Other evidence (including electronic documents or records):

**+Part E — Order under section [12(2E)/12(2F)]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act**

22. I am applying for an order under section [12(2E)/12(2F)]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act against a [third party/internet intermediary]\*.
23. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the [third party's/internet intermediary's]\* particulars are as follows:
- (a) Name or, if the name is unknown, Unique Identifier (e.g. Internet location address, website, username or account or email address):
  - (b) NRIC No. (for Singapore citizen), UEN or No., type and country of issue of foreign identification document (for foreign citizen):
  - (c) Address for service:
  - (d) \*Other electronic means of contacting the [third party/internet intermediary]\*:
  - (e) Relationship to me:
24. \*To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the third party has the following presence on the Internet:
- (a) \*Internet website address(es):
  - (b) \*Blog (or weblog) address(es):



SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

- (c) \*Account(s) on social media or social networking website(s):
- (d) \*Page(s) on social media or social networking website(s):
25. \*I believe that the [third party/internet intermediary]\* [is/is not]\* in Singapore because [*state reasons for the belief*].
26. The particulars of each publication by the [third party/internet intermediary]\* of the offending communication (including the Internet location address of each publication on the Internet, if any) are as follows:  
[*specify the particulars*]
27. \*I [have/have not]\* approached the [third party/internet intermediary]\* to remove the offending communication(s):
- (a) \*The third party's response to my approach was [*describe third party's response*].
- (b) \*I did not approach the third party because [*state reasons*].
28. I believe that the third party is likely to publish, or continue to publish, the offending communication(s) or communication(s) that is substantially similar to the offending communication(s).
29. I attach the following evidence in support of my statement at paragraph 28:
- (a) Document(s):
- (b) Photograph(s):
- (c) Other evidence (including electronic documents or records):

**+Part F — Application for expedited protection order against third party/internet intermediary**

30. \*I believe that the publication of the offending communication(s) [or communication(s) that is substantially similar to the offending communication(s)]\* by the third party is imminent or is likely to continue.
31. \*I believe that the publication of the offending communication(s) [or communication(s) that is substantially similar to the offending communication(s)]\* by the third party is likely to have a substantial adverse effect on me or my day-to-day activities.
32. \*I attach the following evidence in support of my statement(s) at paragraphs 30 and 31:

**Part G — Confirmation of Contents**

33. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information contained in this document is true.

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued***Part H — Undertaking**

34. \* I undertake to abide by any order the Court may make against me for the payment of damages to any person who sustains loss or damage by reason of my application for an expedited protection order or a mandatory treatment order in this matter.
35. If I obtain any relevant information (that is, any document or information in the course of these proceedings which is subject to privilege or a duty of confidentiality, or any statement made or material disclosed to the party in the course of these proceedings or any record of these proceedings obtained under rule 73), I undertake —
- (a) to use the relevant information only in the conduct of those proceedings; and
  - (b) to use the relevant information for any other purpose only with the permission of every party to the proceedings likely to be affected by the use of that material or with the permission of the court.

[*Signature of Applicant*]

Name of Applicant:

Date:

\*Delete where inapplicable. Paragraphs 30, 31 and 32 are only applicable to an application for an expedited protection order.

+Delete this Part if it is not required. Repeat this Part if there is more than one Respondent/third party/internet intermediary to whom the protection order is to apply.

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## FORM 3

Rule 53(6) AFFIDAVIT IN REPLY TO APPLICATION FOR  
PROTECTION ORDER [WITH EXPEDITED  
PROTECTION ORDER/MANDATORY  
TREATMENT ORDER]\* UNDER  
PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT ACT  
(CHAPTER 256A)

IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

O.S. No.    ) )  
of 20    .    )

[Title as in Form 1]

## AFFIDAVIT

I, (name), do make oath (or affirm) and say that the statements contained in the document exhibited and marked “A” are true.

Sworn (or affirmed) on [date] at [location]; (through the interpretation of [name of interpreter];).

EXHIBIT “A”  
RESPONSE**Part A — Particulars of Respondent/third party/internet intermediary\* to whom protection order is to apply**

1. My particulars are as follows:

(a) Name:

(b) NRIC No. (for Singapore citizen) or No., type and country of issue of foreign identification document (for foreign citizen):

(c) Address for service:

2. I am deposing this affidavit in my [own capacity/in my capacity as (*state capacity*)]\*:

**\*Part B — Response of Respondent to application for protection order**

3. I am opposing the Applicant’s application for a protection order against me.

4. A protection order should not be made against me because [*state reasons*].

5. I attach the following evidence in support of my statements at paragraph 4:

(a) Document(s):

(b) Photograph(s):

(c) Other evidence (including electronic documents or records):

**\*Part C — Response of [Respondent/third party/internet intermediary]\* to application for order under section [12(2E)/12(2F)]\* of Protection from Harassment Act**

6. I am opposing the Applicant’s application for an order under section [12(2E)/12(2F)]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act against me.

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

7. An order under section [12(2E)/12(2F)]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act should not be made against me because: [*state reasons*]
8. I attach the following evidence in support of my statements at paragraph 7:
  - (a) Document(s):
  - (b) Photograph(s):
  - (c) Other evidence (including electronic documents or records):

**\*Part D — Response by Respondent against application for mandatory treatment order**

9. I am opposing the Applicant's application for a mandatory treatment order against me.
10. In the event that a protection order is granted against me, a mandatory treatment order should not be made against me because [*state reasons*].
11. I attach the following evidence in support of my statements at paragraph 10:
  - (a) Document(s):
  - (b) Photograph(s):
  - (c) Other evidence (including electronic documents or records):

**Part E — Confirmation of contents**

12. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information contained in this document is true.

**Part F — Undertaking**

13. If I obtain any relevant information (that is, any document or information in the course of these proceedings which is subject to privilege or a duty of confidentiality, or any statement made or material disclosed to the party in the course of these proceedings or any record of these proceedings obtained under rule 73), I undertake —
  - (a) to use the relevant information only in the conduct of those proceedings; and
  - (b) to use the relevant information for any other purpose only with the permission of every party to the proceedings likely to be affected by the use of that material or with the permission of the court.

[*Signature of [Respondent/third party/internet intermediary]\* to whom protection order is to apply*]

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

Name of [Respondent/third party/internet intermediary]\* to whom protection order is to apply:

Date:

\*Delete where inapplicable.

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## FORM 4

Rule [54(1)/(2)]\* [PROTECTION ORDER/EXPEDITED PROTECTION ORDER]\* UNDER PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT ACT (CHAPTER 256A)  
IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

O.S. No. )  
of 20 . )

[Title as in Form 1]

Before the Honourable [District Judge/Protection from Harassment Court Judge]\*

[In  
Chambers/Open  
Court]\*

## ORDER OF COURT

Upon the application of (*name of applicant*), and upon reading the affidavit of (*name of applicant*) [and the affidavit(s) of (*name of every Respondent or person who filed a response*)]\*, and upon hearing [ , and upon the applicant undertaking to abide by any order the Court may make for the payment of damages by the applicant for loss or damage sustained by any person as a result of the applicant's application for this order]#:

It is ordered by the [District Judge/Protection from Harassment Court Judge]\* as follows:

1. \* **Protection order under section 12(2):**

(a) \* pursuant to section 12(2B)(a): (*Name of Respondent*) is prohibited from doing the following thing(s) in relation to (*name of applicant*):

[*specify thing(s)*]

(b) \* pursuant to section 12(2B)(a): (*Name of Respondent*) is prohibited from doing the following thing(s) in relation to (*name(s) of related*

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

*person*), being a person about whose safety or well-being (*name of applicant*) would reasonably be expected to be seriously concerned:

[*specify thing(s)*]

- (c) \* pursuant to section 12(2B)(b): (*Name of Respondent*) must stop publishing the following communication(s) within (*the time specified by the court*) or not publish any communication that is substantially similar to the following communication(s):

[*specify particulars of the offending communication(s)*]

- (d) \* pursuant to section 12(2B)(c): [*names of Respondent/victim/related person of victim*]\* must attend [counselling/mediation]\* by [*particulars of body specified by the court*].

2. \* **Protection order under section 12(2E):**

- (a) \* (*Name of third party*) must stop publishing within (*the time specified by the court*) or not publish the communication specified in paragraph 1(c) or any communication that is substantially similar to that communication.

- (b) \* Any third party must stop publishing within (*the time specified by the court*) or not publish the communication specified in paragraph 1(c) or any communication that is substantially similar to that communication.

3. \* **Protection order under section 12(2F):**

(*Name of internet intermediary*) must within (*the time specified by the court*) disable access by end-users of (*name of its internet intermediary service*) provided in Singapore to the following material:

[*specify the material to which access is to be disabled*]

4. \* **Expedited protection order under section 13:**

[*specify expedited protection order(s) given*]

\*Delete where inapplicable.

#Include only if this is an expedited protection order under section 13.

**Important Message:**

1. You must carefully read, and comply with, the terms of this order.

- (i) If you disobey this order:

- a. you will be liable to process of execution to compel you to obey this order.

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SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

- b. you may also be guilty of contempt of court.
  - c. you may also be guilty of an offence under section 10 of the Protection from Harassment Act which is punishable —
    - (A) with a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and/or an imprisonment term not exceeding 6 months;
    - (B) for repeated offences under section 10 of the Act, with a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and/or an imprisonment term not exceeding 12 months; or
    - (C) with enhanced penalties under section 8(2), 8A(1)(b) or 8B(1)(b) of that Act.
  - (ii) If the party against whom this order is made is an entity, the word “you” in this paragraph may apply to its directors or other officers or partners (as the case may be).
2. If this order is an expedited protection order, it cannot be appealed. However, the Court may vary, suspend or cancel this order on the application of —
    - (a) the applicant;
    - (b) any person to whom the order applies; or
    - (c) where an expedited protection order requires an internet intermediary to disable access to a third party’s communication, that third party.
  3. [*Deleted by S 193/2022 wef 01/04/2022*]
  4. This order will take effect once it is served on you unless the Court specifies otherwise. If you were not identified as a person to whom the order applies when the order was made, you should be served a copy of the order together with a notification in Form 5.
  5. In this order and this message, “publish”, in relation to a communication or statement, means to make the communication or statement available, or to cause the communication or statement to be made available in any form such that the communication or statement is or can be heard, seen or otherwise perceived by the public in Singapore or a member of the public in Singapore, and includes cause to be published.
  6. This order ceases to have effect:
    - (i) during any period when it is suspended by the Court;
    - (ii) when it expires;
    - (iii) when it is cancelled by the Court; or

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

- (iv) if this order is an expedited protection order, when the application for the related protection order is determined or discontinued.

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## FORM 5

Rule 54(3)  
and (4)

NOTIFICATION TO RELEVANT PARTY NOT  
IDENTIFIED IN [PROTECTION  
ORDER/EXPEDITED PROTECTION ORDER]\*  
UNDER PROTECTION FROM  
HARASSMENT ACT  
(CHAPTER 256A)  
  
IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

O.S. No.    )  
of 20    .)

[Title as Form 1]

NOTIFICATION OF PARTICULARS  
OF OFFENDING COMMUNICATION

**+Preamble**

+This notification is intended to amend and replace the notification which was filed on [*insert date and time of filing*] and served on the relevant party in paragraph [3/5]\*.

**Part A — Brief Particulars**

1. Particulars of offending communication:
2. Particulars of publication of communication:

**Part B — Details of third party**

3. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the particulars of the third party (not identified in the order under section [12(2E)/13(1B)]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act dated [*insert date of order*]) against whom the order applies are as follows:
  - (a) Name or, if the name is unknown, Unique Identifier (e.g. Internet location address, website, username or account or email address):
  - (b) NRIC No. (for Singapore citizen) or No., type and country of issue of foreign identification document (for foreign citizen):



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SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

- (c) Address for service:
  - (d) Other electronic means of contacting the third party\* :
  - (e) Relationship to me:
4. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the third party has the following presence on the Internet:
- (a) Internet website address(es):
  - (b) Blog (or weblog) address(es):
  - (c) Account(s) on social media or social networking website(s):
  - (d) Page(s) on social media or social networking website(s):

**Part C — Details of Internet Intermediary**

5. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the particulars of the internet intermediary (for the purpose of section [12(2F)/13(1C)]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act dated [*insert date of order*]) against whom the order applies are as follows:
- (a) Name or, if the name is unknown, Unique Identifier (e.g. Internet location address, website, username or account or email address):
  - (b) NRIC No. (for Singapore citizen)/UEN (for Singapore-registered entity) or No., type and country of issue of foreign identification document (for foreign citizen/entity):
  - (c) Address for service:
  - (d) Other electronic means of contacting the internet intermediary\* :
  - (e) Name of Internet Intermediary Service through which offending communication was published:
  - (f) Nature of Internet Intermediary Service through which offending communication was published:

**Part D — Details of offending communication**

6. The details of each publication by the third party of the offending communication (including the Internet location address of each publication on the Internet, if any) are as follows:
7. I attach the following evidence in support of my statements at paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6:
- (a) Document(s):
  - (b) Photograph(s):

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

- (c) Other evidence (including electronic documents or records):
8. I [have/have not]\* approached the third party to remove the offending communication mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2.
- (a) \*The third party's response to my approach was as follows:
- (b) \*I did not approach the third party for the following reasons:
9. I [have/have not]\* approached the internet intermediary to remove the offending communication mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2.
- (a) \*The internet intermediary's response to my approach was as follows:
- (b) \*I did not approach the internet intermediary for the following reasons:

**Part E — Confirmation of Contents**

10. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information contained in this document is true.

[*Signature of Applicant*]

Name of Applicant:

Date:

\*Delete where inapplicable.

+Delete unless amending the notification pursuant to rule 54(5).

## FORM 6

Rule 55(1)(a) APPLICATION UNDER SECTION [12(7)/13(3A)]\*  
OF PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT ACT  
(CHAPTER 256A)

IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

O.S. No.    )  
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[Title as in Form 1]

SUMMONS

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

Let all parties concerned attend before the [District Judge/Protection from Harassment Court Judge]\* on *(date and time)*, on the hearing of an application by *(name of person making application)* for an order that:

1. \*The [protection order/expedited protection order]\* made on *(date)* be varied as follows:  
*[specify how the order is to be varied]*
2. \*The [protection order/expedited protection order]\* made on *(date)* be [[suspended/extended]\* for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ beginning on *(date)/cancelled]\*.*
3. The Court give such other direction(s) as the Court thinks fit.

Dated this      day of      20      .

*Registrar.*

This summons is taken out by *(name of person making application or that person's solicitor)* whose address is \_\_\_\_\_ .

\*Delete where inapplicable.

## FORM 7

Rule 55(1)(b)      AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION  
 UNDER SECTION [12(7)/13(3A)]\* OF  
 PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT ACT  
 (CHAPTER 256A)

IN THE STATE COURTS  
 OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

O.S. No.      )  
 of 20      .      )

[Title as in Form 6]

## AFFIDAVIT

I, *(name of person making application)*, do make oath (or affirm) and say that the statements contained in the document exhibited and marked “A” are true.

Sworn (or affirmed) on [date] at [location]; (through the interpretation of [name of interpreter];).

EXHIBIT “A”  
 INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

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SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

**Part A — Particulars of person making application**

1. My particulars are as follows:

(a) Name:

(b) NRIC No. (for Singapore citizen) or No., type and country of issue of foreign identification document (for foreign citizen):

(c) Address for service:

**Part B — Information in support of application**

2. \* I am applying for an order that the [protection order/expedited protection order]\* made on (*date*) be varied as follows:

3. \* I am applying for an order that the [protection order/expedited protection order]\* made on (*date*) be [[suspended/extended]\* for a period of beginning on (*date*)/cancelled]\*.

4. The reasons for my application are as follows:

**Part C — Confirmation of Contents**

5. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information contained in this document is true.

[*Signature of person making application*]

Name of person making application:

Date:

\*Delete where inapplicable.

[S 193/2022 wef 01/04/2022]

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FORM 8

Rule 56(1)

APPLICATION FOR  
FALSE STATEMENT ORDER [WITH INTERIM  
FALSE STATEMENT ORDER]\* UNDER  
PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT ACT  
(CHAPTER 256A)

IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

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 SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

O.S. No.    )  
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In the matter of an application under section [15A/15B/15C/15D/15E/16A/16B/16AA/16BA]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act.

And in the matter of (*name of subject of relevant statement*).

*Applicant.*

## ORIGINATING APPLICATION

Let all parties concerned attend before the [District Judge/Protection from Harassment Court Judge]\* on (*date and time*), on the hearing of an application by (*name of applicant*) for an order under section [15A/15B/15C/15D/15E/16A/16B/16AA/16BA]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act in respect of the relevant statement(s) set out in paragraph 1:

1. [*specify particulars of relevant statement(s)*]
2. \*+Pursuant to section 15A: The Respondent [and any other persons]\* must stop publishing the relevant statement and must not publish any substantially similar statement:  
     [*specify the Respondent [and any other persons]\* to which the stop publication order is to apply*]
- 2A. \*+Pursuant to section 16A: an interim stop publication order in relation to the application for the stop publication order mentioned in paragraph 2:  
     [*specify the Respondent [and any other persons]\* to which the interim stop publication order is to apply*]
- 2B. \*+Pursuant to section 16B: The Respondent must publish the following interim notice in relation to the application for the stop publication order mentioned in paragraph 2:  
     [*specify the Respondent to which the interim notification order is to apply; the [person(s)/description of persons]\* to whom the interim notice must be published; and the content, form and manner of the interim notice*]
3. \*+Pursuant to section 15B: The Respondent must publish the following correction notice(s):  
     [*specify the Respondent to which the correction order is to apply; the [person(s)/description of persons]\* to whom the correction notice must be published; and the content, form and manner of the correction notice*]

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

- 3A. <sup>\*+</sup>Pursuant to section 16B: The Respondent must publish the following interim notice in relation to the application for the correction order mentioned in paragraph 3:

*[specify the Respondent to which the interim notification order is to apply; the [person(s)/description of persons]\* to whom the interim notice must be published; and the content, form and manner of the interim notice]*

4. <sup>\*+</sup>Pursuant to section 15C: The Respondent must disable access by end-users of its internet intermediary service provided in Singapore to the following specified material [or identical copies of the specified material]\*:

*[specify the Respondent to which the disabling order is to apply; and the material to which access is to be disabled]*

- 4A. <sup>\*+</sup>Pursuant to section 16AA: an interim disabling order in relation to the application for the disabling order mentioned in paragraph 4:

*[specify the Respondent to which the interim disabling order is to apply; and the material to which access is to be disabled]*

5. <sup>\*+</sup>Pursuant to section 15D: The Respondent must publish the following targeted correction notice to all end-users in Singapore of its internet intermediary service who [access/it knows had accessed]\* specified material [or identical copies of specified material]\*:

*[specify the Respondent to which the targeted correction order is to apply; the material to which the end-users have access that consists of or contains the relevant statement or identical copies of it; the content, form, and manner of the targeted correction notice]*

- 5A. <sup>\*+</sup>Pursuant to section 16BA: The Respondent must publish the following targeted interim notice in relation to the application for the targeted correction order mentioned in paragraph 5:

*[specify the Respondent to which the targeted interim notification order is to apply; the end-users to whom the targeted interim notice must be published; and the content, form and manner of the targeted interim notice]*

6. <sup>\*+</sup>Pursuant to section 15E: The Respondent must publish in Singapore the following general correction notice:

*[specify the Respondent to which the general correction order is to apply; the content, form and manner of the general correction notice]*

7. The Court to give such other direction(s) as the Court thinks fit.

Dated this      day of      20      .

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SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

*Registrar.*

This summons is taken out by (*name of applicant or applicant's solicitor*) whose address is .

\*Delete where inapplicable.

+Repeat this Part if there is more than one person to whom the order under section 15A/15B/15C/15D/15E/16A/16B/16AA/16BA of the Protection from Harassment Act is to apply.

[S 193/2022 wef 01/04/2022]

FORM 8A

Rule 56(4)(b)

APPLICATION FOR  
INTERIM FALSE STATEMENT ORDER UNDER  
PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT ACT  
(CHAPTER 256A)

IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

O.S. No. )  
of 20 . )

[Title as in OS]

And in the matter of an application under section [16A/16B/16AA/16BA]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act.

And in the matter of [*name of subject of relevant statement*].

*Applicant.*

SUMMONS [WITHOUT NOTICE&#93;#

Let all parties concerned attend before the [District Judge/Protection from Harassment Court Judge]\* on [*date and time*], on the hearing of an application by [*name of applicant*] for an order under section [16A/16B/16AA/16BA]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act in respect of the relevant statement(s) set out in paragraph 1:

1. [*specify particulars of relevant statement(s)*]
2. \*+Pursuant to section 16A: The Respondent [and any other persons]\* must stop publishing the relevant statement and must not publish any substantially similar statement:

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

*[specify the Respondent [and any other persons]\* to which the interim stop publication order is to apply]*

3. <sup>++</sup>Pursuant to section 16AA: The Respondent must disable access by end-users of its internet intermediary service provided in Singapore to the following material:

*[specify the Respondent [and any other persons]\* to which the interim disabling order is to apply; and the material to which access is to be disabled]*

4. <sup>++</sup>Pursuant to section 16B: The Respondent must publish the following interim notice:

*[specify the Respondent to which the interim notification order is to apply; the [person(s)/description of persons]\* to whom the interim notice must be published; the content, form and manner of the interim notice]*

5. <sup>++</sup>Pursuant to section 16BA: The Respondent must publish the following targeted interim notice to all end-users in Singapore of its internet intermediary service who [access/it knows had accessed]\* specified material [or identical copies of specified material]\* :

*[specify the Respondent to which the targeted interim notification order is to apply; the material to which the end-users have access that consists of or contains the relevant statement or identical copies of it; the content, form, and manner of the targeted interim notice]*

6. The Court to give such other direction(s) as the Court thinks fit.

Dated this      day of      20      .

*Registrar.*

This summons is taken out by (*name of applicant or applicant's solicitor*) whose address is      .

<sup>#</sup>Delete if this includes an application under section 16AA or 16BA of the Act.

<sup>\*</sup>Delete where inapplicable.

<sup>+</sup>Repeat this Part if there is more than one person to whom the order is to apply.

*[S 193/2022 wef 01/04/2022]*

## FORM 9

Rule 56(1)  
and (4)(b)

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION  
FOR [FALSE STATEMENT ORDER/



SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

INTERIM FALSE STATEMENT ORDER]\*  
 UNDER PROTECTION FROM  
 HARASSMENT ACT (CHAPTER 256A)  
 IN THE STATE COURTS  
 OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

O.S./Summons  
 No.     )  
 of 20   .   )

[Title as in Form 8]\*

AFFIDAVIT

I, [*name of applicant*], the applicant, do make oath (or affirm) and say that the statements contained in the document exhibited and marked “A” are true.

Sworn (or affirmed) on [*date*]; at [*location*]; (through the interpretation of [*name of interpreter*];).

EXHIBIT “A”  
 INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

**Part A — Applicant’s Particulars**

1. My particulars are as follows:
  - (a) Name:
  - (b) NRIC No. (for Singapore citizen) or No., type and country of issue of foreign identification document (for foreign citizen):
  - (c) Address for service:
2. I am deposing this affidavit in my [own capacity/capacity as (*state capacity*)]\*.

**+Part B — Application for false statement order**

3. >Paragraphs [6 to 18]< relate to my application for an order under section [15A/15B/15C/15D/15E]\* [and paragraphs [19 to 22]< relate to my application for an interim order under section [16A/16B/16AA/16BA]\*]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act against the following person:
4. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the person’s particulars are as follows:
  - (a) Name or, if the name is unknown, Unique Identifier (e.g. Internet location address, website, username or account or email address):

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

- (b) NRIC No. (for Singapore citizen) or No., type and country of issue of foreign identification document (for foreign citizen):
- (c) Address for service:
- (d) Other electronic means of contacting the person:
- (e) Relationship to me:
5. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the person has the following presence on the Internet:
- (a) Internet website address(es):
- (b) Blog (or weblog) address(es):
- (c) Account(s) on social media or social networking website(s):
- (d) Page(s) on social media or social networking website(s):
6. I believe that the person [is/is not]<sup>\*</sup> in Singapore because [*state reasons for the belief*].
7. The particulars of the relevant statement are as follows:  
[*specify particulars of the relevant statement*]
8. The relevant statement is about [me/the following subject]<sup>\*</sup>:
9. The originator of the relevant statement (the author) is the following person:
10. I will be [able/unable]<sup>\*</sup> to serve the originator of the relevant statement (the author) because:
11. The relevant statement is a statement of fact about [me/the subject]<sup>\*</sup> which is false in the following particular(s) about [me/the subject]<sup>\*</sup>:  
[*specify the particulars*]
12. The particulars of each publication by the person of the relevant statement (including the Internet location address of each publication on the Internet, if any) are as follows:  
[*specify the particulars*]
13. I attach the following evidence in support of my statements at paragraphs 4 to 12:
- (a) Document(s):
- (b) Photograph(s):
- (c) Other evidence (including electronic documents or records):

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SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

14. I [have/have not]<sup>\*</sup> approached the person to remove or correct the relevant statement.
- (a) <sup>\*</sup>The person's response to my approach was as follows:
- (b) <sup>\*</sup>I did not approach the person because: [*state reasons*]
15. <sup>\*</sup>Where the author of the relevant statement is not the person mentioned in paragraph 3, I [have/have not]<sup>\*</sup> approached the author to remove or correct the relevant statement.
- (a) <sup>\*</sup>The author's response to my approach was as follows:
- (b) <sup>\*</sup>I did not approach the author because: [*state reasons*]
16. I attach the following evidence in support of my statement at paragraph [14/15]<sup>\*</sup>:
17. <sup>\*</sup>I believe that the Respondent's publication of the relevant statement(s) mentioned in paragraph 7 has caused or is likely to cause serious harm to my reputation:
- [specify the serious harm to your reputation caused or is likely to be caused by the publication of the relevant statement, and the reasons for your belief]*
18. <sup>\*</sup>I attach the following evidence in support of my statement at paragraph 17:

**<sup>+</sup>Part C — Application for interim false statement order**

19. I believe that the Respondent's publication of the relevant statement(s) has caused or is likely to cause me harm.
20. I attach the following evidence in support of my statement at paragraph 19:
21. I believe it is just and equitable to grant the order on an expedited basis for the following reasons:
22. I attach the following evidence in support of my statement at paragraph 21:

**Part D — Confirmation of Contents**

23. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information contained in this document is true.

**Part E — Undertaking**

24. <sup>\*</sup>I undertake to abide by any order the Court may make against me for the payment of damages to any person who sustains loss or damage by reason of my application for a false statement order or an interim false statement order in this matter.

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

25. If I obtain any relevant information (that is, any document or information in the course of these proceedings which is subject to privilege or a duty of confidentiality, or any statement made or material disclosed to the party in the course of these proceedings or any record of these proceedings obtained under rule 73), I undertake —

- (a) to use the relevant information only in the conduct of those proceedings; and
- (b) to use the relevant information for any other purpose only with the permission of every party to the proceedings likely to be affected by the use of that material or with the permission of the court.

[*Signature of Applicant*]

Name of Applicant:

Date:

\*Delete where inapplicable. Paragraphs 17 and 18 are only applicable to an application for a general correction order under section 15E of the Protection from Harassment Act. Paragraphs 19 to 22 are only applicable to an application for an interim false statement order under section 16A/16B/16AA/16BA of the Protection from Harassment Act.

>Repeat this paragraph in relation to each order applied for.

<Substitute appropriate paragraph numbers.

+Repeat this Part if there is more than one person to whom the order is to apply.

[S 193/2022 wef 01/04/2022]

## FORM 10

Rule 56(6)

AFFIDAVIT IN REPLY TO APPLICATION  
FOR [FALSE STATEMENT ORDER/INTERIM  
FALSE STATEMENT ORDER]\* UNDER  
PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT ACT  
(CHAPTER 256A)

IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

O.S. No.    )  
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SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

## AFFIDAVIT

I, [name], do make oath (or affirm) and say that the statements contained in the document exhibited and marked “A” are true.

Sworn (or affirmed) on [date] at [location]; (through the interpretation of [name of interpreter];).

EXHIBIT “A”  
RESPONSE

**Part A — Particulars of Respondent**

1. My particulars are as follows:
  - (a) Name:
  - (b) NRIC No. (for Singapore citizen) or No., type and country of issue of foreign identification document (for foreign citizen):
  - (c) Address for service:
2. I am deposing this affidavit in my [own capacity/capacity as (*state capacity*)]:

**\*Part B — Response of Respondent to Application for [false statement order/interim false statement order]\***

3. I am opposing the Applicant’s [application for an order under section [15A/15B/15C/15D/15E]\*/application for an interim order under section [16A/16B/16AA/16BA]\*] of the Protection from Harassment Act against me.
4. A [false statement order/interim false statement order]\* should not be made against me because: [*state reasons*]
5. I attach the following evidence in support of my statements at paragraph 4:
  - (a) Document(s):
  - (b) Photograph(s):
  - (c) Other evidence (including electronic documents or records):

**Part C — Confirmation of Contents**

6. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information contained in this document is true.

**Part D — Undertaking**

7. If I obtain any relevant information (that is, any document or information in the course of these proceedings which is subject to privilege or a duty of

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

confidentiality, or any statement made or material disclosed to the party in the course of these proceedings or any record of these proceedings obtained under rule 73), I undertake —

- (a) to use the relevant information only in the conduct of those proceedings; and
- (b) to use the relevant information for any other purpose only with the permission of every party to the proceedings likely to be affected by the use of that material or with the permission of the court.

[*Signature of person named below*]

Name of [Respondent/third party/internet intermediary]\* to whom protection order is to apply:

Date:

\*Delete where inapplicable.

>Repeat paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 for each false statement order/interim false statement order, if necessary.

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## FORM 11

Rule 57(1)(a)  
and (2)(a)

[FALSE STATEMENT ORDER/  
INTERIM FALSE STATEMENT ORDER]\*  
UNDER PROTECTION FROM  
HARASSMENT ACT (CHAPTER 256A)

Form 11

IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

O.S. No. )  
of 20 . )

[Title as in Form 9]

Before the Honourable [District Judge/Protection from  
Harassment Court Judge]\*

[In  
Chambers/In  
Open Court]\*

## ORDER OF COURT

Upon the application of [*name of applicant*], and upon reading the affidavit of [*name of applicant*] [and the affidavit of [*name of person*

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

*responding*)<sup>+</sup>, and upon hearing [ , and upon the applicant undertaking to abide by any order the Court may make for the payment of damages by the applicant for loss or damage sustained by any person as a result of the applicant's application for this order]<sup>#</sup>:

It is ordered by the [District Judge/Protection from Harassment Court Judge]<sup>\*</sup> as follows:

1. The following statement(s) of fact about [*name of subject*] [is/are]<sup>\*</sup> declared to be false:  

[*specify particulars of statement(s)*]
- <sup>\*+2.</sup> Pursuant to section [15A/16A]<sup>\*</sup>: The Respondent [and any other persons]<sup>\*</sup> must stop publishing within [*time specified by the court*] the relevant statement and must not publish any substantially similar statement:  

[*specify the Respondent and any other persons to which the interim stop publication order/stop publication order is to apply*]
- <sup>\*+3.</sup> Pursuant to section 15B: The Respondent must publish the following correction notice(s) within [*time specified by the court*]:  

[*specify the Respondent to which the correction order is to apply; the [person(s)/description of persons]<sup>\*</sup> to whom the correction notice must be published; and the content, form and manner of the correction notice*]
- <sup>\*+4.</sup> Pursuant to section [15C/16AA]<sup>\*</sup>: The Respondent must disable access by end-users of its internet intermediary service provided in Singapore to the following specified material [or identical copies of the specified material]<sup>\*</sup> within [*time specified by the court*]:  

[*specify the Respondent to which the [interim disabling order/disabling order]<sup>\*</sup> is to apply; and the material to which access is to be disabled*]
- <sup>\*+5.</sup> Pursuant to section 15D: The Respondent must publish the following targeted correction notice to all end-users in Singapore of its internet intermediary service who [access/it knows had accessed]<sup>\*</sup> specified material [or identical copies of specified material]<sup>\*</sup> [from/by]<sup>\*</sup> [*time specified by the court*]:  

[*specify the Respondent to which the targeted correction order is to apply; the material to which the end-users have access that consists of or contains the relevant statement or identical copies of it; and the content, form, and manner of the targeted correction notice*]

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

- <sup>\*+</sup>6. Pursuant to section 15E: The Respondent must publish in Singapore the following general correction notice within [*time specified by the court*]:  
[*specify the Respondent to which the general correction order is to apply; and the content, form and manner of the general correction notice*]
- <sup>\*+</sup>7. Pursuant to section 16B: The Respondent must publish in Singapore the following interim notice within [*time specified by the court*]:  
[*specify the Respondent to which the interim notification order is to apply; the [person(s)/description of persons]\* to whom the interim notice must be published; and the content, form and manner of the interim notice*]
- <sup>\*+</sup>8. Pursuant to section 16BA: The Respondent must publish in Singapore the following targeted interim notice to all end-users in Singapore of its internet intermediary service who [access/it knows had accessed]<sup>+\*</sup> specified material [or identical copies of specified material]\* [from/by]\* [*time specified by the court*]:  
[*specify the Respondent to which the targeted interim notification order is to apply; the material to which the end-users have access that consists of or contains the relevant statement or identical copies of it; and the content, form, and manner of the targeted interim notice*]
- <sup>\*</sup>9. (a) This order does not apply to the following person(s): [*specify person(s)*]  
(b) [*specify any other exception(s) to this order*]
- <sup>\*+</sup>10. This order is subject to the following condition(s):  
[*specify any other condition(s) to which this order is subject*]
- <sup>\*+</sup>11. [*specify any direction(s) given by the Court*].

Dated this      day of      20      .

**Important Message:**

1. You must carefully read, and comply with, the terms of this order.
  - (i) If you disobey this order:
    - a. you will be liable to process of execution to compel you to obey this order.
    - b. you may also be guilty of contempt of court.



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SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

- (ii) If the party against whom this order is made is an entity, the word “you” in this paragraph may apply to its directors or other officers or partners (as the case may be).
2. If this order is an interim false statement order, it cannot be appealed against. However, the Court may vary, suspend or cancel this order on the application of —
- (a) the subject or author of the relevant statement;
- (b) the respondent; or
- (c) an individual or entity that published the relevant statement.
3. *[Deleted by S 193/2022 wef 01/04/2022]*
4. This order will take effect once it is served on you unless the Court specifies otherwise. If you were not identified in the order as a person to whom the order applies when the order was made, you should be served a copy of the order together with a notification in Form 12.
5. In this order and this message, “publish”, in relation to a communication or statement, means to make the communication or statement available, or to cause the communication or statement to be made available, in any form such that the communication or statement is or can be heard, seen or otherwise perceived by the public in Singapore or a member of the public in Singapore, and includes cause to be published.
6. This order ceases to have effect:
- (i) during any period when it is suspended by the Court;
- (ii) when it expires; or
- (iii) when it is cancelled by the Court.

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\*Delete where inapplicable.

<sup>+</sup>Repeat this Part if there is more than one person to whom the order is to apply.

<sup>#</sup>Include only if this is an interim false statement order under section 16A/16B/16AA/16BA of the Protection from Harassment Act.

*[S 193/2022 wef 01/04/2022]*

FORM 12

Rule 57(3)  
and (4)

NOTIFICATION TO RELEVANT PARTY  
NOT IDENTIFIED IN [STOP PUBLICATION  
ORDER/INTERIM STOP PUBLICATION

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*ORDER]<sup>+</sup> UNDER PROTECTION FROM  
HARASSMENT ACT (CHAPTER 256A)IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

O.S. No.    )  
of 20    .)

[Title as in Form 9]

*Applicant.*

NOTIFICATION OF PARTICULARS OF RELEVANT  
STATEMENT AND PUBLICATION OF THAT STATEMENT**<sup>+</sup>Preamble**

<sup>+</sup>This notification is intended to amend and replace the notification which was filed on [*insert date and time of filing*] and served on the relevant party in paragraph 6.

**Part A — Brief Particulars of Order under section [15A/16A]<sup>\*</sup> of the Protection from Harassment Act**

1. Respondent(s):
2. Date Order was made:
3. [*State paragraph(s) of the Order to apply to individual or entity mentioned in Part B*]

Pursuant to section 15A: The Respondent(s) [and any other persons]<sup>\*</sup> must stop publishing the relevant statement and must not publish any substantially similar statement within [*time specified by court*].

4. Particulars of relevant statement:
5. Particulars of publication of relevant statement:

**Part B — Details of relevant party**

6. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Order described in Part A applies to the following person:
  - (a) Name or, if the name is unknown, Unique Identifier (e.g. Internet location address, website, username or account or email address):
  - (b) NRIC No. (for Singapore citizen) or No., type and country of issue of foreign identification document (for foreign citizen):
  - (c) Address for service:

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SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

- (d) Other electronic means of contacting the person:
- (e) Relationship to me:
7. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the person has the following presence on the Internet:
- (a) Internet website address(es):
- (b) Blog (or weblog) address(es):
- (c) Account(s) on social media or social networking website(s):
- (d) Page(s) on social media or social networking website(s):
8. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the person has published the relevant statement as follows:
- [Specify the particulars of the publication, including the Internet location address of each publication on the Internet, if any]*
9. I attach the following evidence in support of my statements at paragraphs 6, 7 and 8:
- (a) Document(s):
- (b) Photograph(s):
- (c) Other evidence (including electronic documents or records):
10. I [have/have not]\* approached the person to remove or correct the relevant statement:
- \* (a) The person's response to my approach was as follows:
- \* (b) I did not approach the person for the following reasons:

**Part C — Confirmation of Contents**

11. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information contained in this document is true.

*[Signature of Applicant]*

Name of Applicant:

Date:

\*Delete where inapplicable.

+Delete unless amending the notification pursuant to rule 57(5).

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

## FORM 13

Rule 58(1)(a)

APPLICATION UNDER  
SECTION [15(5)/16(6)]\* OF PROTECTION  
FROM HARASSMENT ACT  
(CHAPTER 256A)IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPOREO.S. No.    )  
of 20    .)

[Title as in Form 9]

And in the matter of [*Court Order No.*]

## SUMMONS

Let all parties concerned attend before the [District Judge/Protection from Harassment Court Judge]\* on [*date and time*], on the hearing of an application by [*name of person making application*] for an order that:

- \*1. The order under section [15A/15B/15C/15D/15E/16A/16B/16AA/16BA]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act made on (*date*) be varied as follows:  
[*specify how the order is to be varied*]
- \*2. The order under section [15A/15B/15C/15D/15E/16A/16B/16AA/16BA]\* of the Protection from Harassment Act made on (*date*) be [suspended for a period of                      beginning on (*date*)/cancelled]\*.
- \*3. The Court give such other direction(s) as the Court thinks fit.

Dated this    day of            20    .

*Registrar.*

This summons is taken out by (*name of person making application or that person's solicitor*) whose address is                      .

\*Delete where inapplicable.

## FORM 14

Rule 58(1)(b)

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION  
UNDER SECTION [15(5)/16(6)]\* OF



SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

6. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information contained in this document is true.

[*Signature of person making application*]

Name of person making application:

Date:

\*Delete where inapplicable.

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## FORM 15

Rule 63(1) ORDER UNDER SECTION 13B(6) OF  
PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT  
ACT  
(CHAPTER 256A)

IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

O.S. No. )  
of 20 . )

[Title as in Form 1]

Before the Honourable [District Judge/Protection from Harassment Court Judge]\* [In Chambers/In Open Court]\*

## ORDER OF COURT

Whereas a protection order (*specify Court Order No.*) has been made against (*name of respondent*) upon the application of (*name of applicant*),

Upon [the Court's own initiative/the application of (*name of applicant*) for a mandatory treatment order]\*,

[And upon reading the affidavit of (*name of applicant*) [and the affidavit of (*name of respondent*)]\*], and upon hearing [ ], [and upon the applicant undertaking to abide by any order the Court may make for the payment of damages by the applicant for loss or damage sustained by any person as a result of the applicant's application]\*

It is ordered by the [District Judge/Protection from Harassment Court Judge]\* that:



SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

1. pursuant to section 13B(7), the Respondent must [reside in a psychiatric institution for observation for [*specify period*]/attend personally before the appointed psychiatrist at a psychiatric institution \* at such times as the appointed psychiatrist may require] for the preparation of a formal assessment report.
2. \* [any report by a psychiatrist engaged by the Respondent be filed and submitted to the appointed psychiatrist by [*date*]].

**Important Message:**

1. You must obey this order. If you fail to obey this order, including any notice requiring you to attend before an appointed psychiatrist, you may be liable for contempt of court.
2. If you wish to submit a report by another psychiatrist, engaged by you, the report must be filed within 3 weeks after the date the court calls for the formal assessment report, unless the court allows you to do so by a later time.

\*Delete where inapplicable.

## FORM 17

Rule 65(1)

MANDATORY TREATMENT ORDER  
UNDER SECTION 13B OF  
PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT ACT  
(CHAPTER 256A)

IN THE STATE COURTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
SINGAPORE

O.S. No.    )  
of 20    .)

[Title as in Form 1]

Before the Honourable [District Judge/Protection from  
Harassment Court Judge]\*

[In Chambers/ In  
Open Court]\*

## ORDER OF COURT

Whereas a protection order (*specify Court Order No.*) has been made against (*name of respondent*) upon the application of (*name of applicant*),

Upon [the Court's own initiative/the application of (*name of applicant*)] for a mandatory treatment order]\*,





SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

I, [*Name of Appointed Psychiatrist*], have explained the requirements of the mandatory treatment order to the Respondent and I am satisfied that the Respondent understands them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Appointed Psychiatrist

I, [*Name of Respondent*], hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of my mandatory treatment order and that I am aware of the requirements of my mandatory treatment order, which have been explained to me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent

## FORM 18

Rule 65(2) APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 13B(18) OF  
PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT ACT  
(CHAPTER 256A)

IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

Summons  
No. )  
of 20 . )

[Title as in Form 17]

Between

*Appointed Psychiatrist.*

And

*Respondent*

And

*Applicant\**

SUMMONS

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

Let all parties concerned attend before the [District Judge/Protection from Harassment Court Judge]\* on [*date and time*], on the hearing of an application by the appointed psychiatrist, [*name of appointed psychiatrist*]:

1. \* [pursuant to section 13B(18), to revoke the mandatory treatment order made on (*date*).]
2. \* [pursuant to section 13B(18), to vary the mandatory treatment order made on (*date*) as follows [*specify how the order is to be varied*]:]

Dated this      day of      20      .

*Registrar.*

This summons is taken out by the appointed psychiatrist whose address is [*insert address of psychiatric institution*].

\*Delete where inapplicable.

## FORM 19

Rule 65(2)      AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION  
UNDER SECTION 13B(18) OF PROTECTION  
FROM HARASSMENT ACT  
(CHAPTER 256A)  
  
IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

Summons  
No.      )  
of 20      .      )

[Title as in Form 17]

Between

*Appointed Psychiatrist.*

And

*Respondent*

And

*Applicant\**

AFFIDAVIT

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SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

I, [*name of appointed psychiatrist*], do make oath (or affirm) and say that the statements contained in the document exhibited and marked “A” are true.

Sworn (or affirmed) on [*date*]; at [*location*]; (through the interpretation of [*name of interpreter*];).

EXHIBIT “A”

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

1. I am the appointed psychiatrist with whom the respondent in this case has been ordered to undergo psychiatric treatment.
2. I wish to apply to [*vary/revoke*]\* the mandatory treatment order made on (*date*).
3. \* I wish for the abovementioned mandatory treatment order to be varied as follows: [*specify variation applied for*]
4. My reasons for this application are as follows:
  - There has been a change in the circumstances after the order was made.  
[*specify details of the change*]:
  - The Respondent has made progress in psychiatric treatment.  
[*specify progress made*]:
5. I attach the following evidence in support of my application:

**Confirmation of Contents**

6. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information contained in this document is true.

[*Signature of Appointed Psychiatrist*]

Name of Appointed Psychiatrist:

Date:

\*Delete where inapplicable. Paragraph 3 applies only if you are applying for a variation.

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FORM 20

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

Rule 65(4) AFFIDAVIT IN RESPONSE TO APPLICATION  
UNDER SECTION 13B(18) OF PROTECTION  
FROM HARASSMENT ACT  
(CHAPTER 256A)

IN THE STATE COURTS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

Summons  
No. )  
of 20 . . )

[Title as in Form 17]

Between

*Appointed Psychiatrist.*

And

*Respondent*

And

*Applicant\**

## AFFIDAVIT

I, (*name of Applicant/Respondent*), do make oath (or affirm) and say that the statements contained in the document exhibited and marked “A” are true.

Sworn (or affirmed) on [*date*]; at [*location*]; (through the interpretation of [*name of interpreter*];).

## EXHIBIT “A”

## INFORMATION [IN SUPPORT/OPPOSITION]\* OF APPLICATION

1. I am the [Applicant/Respondent]\* in this case.
2. The appointed psychiatrist, with whom the respondent in this case has been ordered to undergo psychiatric treatment, has filed an application to [vary/revoke]\* the mandatory treatment order made on [*insert date*].
3. I [support/oppose]\* the application for the following reasons: [*state details for your reasons*]:
4. I attach the following evidence in support of my response:

**Confirmation of Contents**

5. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information contained in this document is true.

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 SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

[*Signature of Applicant/Respondent*]

Name of [Applicant/Respondent]\*:

Date:

\*Delete where inapplicable.

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FORM 21

Rule 53(3)\*/56(3)\*

MEMORANDUM OF SERVICE

[Title as in action]

Date:

To: The Registrar

The [originating application/summons/affidavit/[*other document*]]\* herein was served on —

Name of person served:

Capacity in which person was served: [*The Respondent or as the case may be*].

On: [*Day, date and time of service*].

At: [*Place of service*].

Method of service: [*State how service effected*].

\*Issued by: [*Solicitors for the* \_\_\_\_\_ ].

\*Delete where inapplicable.

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Made on 24 May 2021.

SUNDARESH MENON  
*Chief Justice.*

LUCIEN WONG  
*Attorney-General.*

TAY YONG KWANG  
*Justice of the Court of Appeal.*

STEVEN CHONG  
*Justice of the Court of Appeal.*

BELINDA ANG SAW EAN  
*Judge of the Appellate Division.*

QUENTIN LOH  
*Judge of the Appellate Division.*

VINODH COOMARASWAMY  
*Judge.*

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*Presiding Judge of the State Courts.*

CHRISTOPHER TAN PHENG WEE  
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