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

**SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE (TRANSFER OF
PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 17A (2))
ORDER 2007**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 28A of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, I, Chan Sek Keong, Chief Justice, hereby make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Supreme Court of Judicature (Transfer of Proceedings pursuant to section 17A (2)) Order 2007 and shall come into operation on 1st January 2008.

Proceedings transferred to District Court

2.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), any proceedings which the High Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine pursuant to

section 17A(2) of the Act and which is commenced in the High Court on or after 1st November 2004 shall be transferred to and be heard and determined by a District Court.

(2) Where in any proceedings transferred to a District Court under sub-paragraph (1) —

- (a) an application is made for the division of matrimonial assets;
- (b) the application is contested; and
- (c) the net value of the matrimonial assets is asserted by any party to the proceedings, in the manner required by the Registrar of the State Courts, to be of or above the value of \$1.5 million,

the proceedings shall, upon the direction of the Registrar of the State Courts that the ancilliary issues are ready for hearing, be transferred to and be heard and determined by the High Court.

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(3) In sub-paragraph (2)(c), “net value of the matrimonial assets” means the total value of the assets, less any outstanding liabilities which are due to third parties.

Jurisdiction of District Court

3. For the avoidance of doubt, a District Court shall, subject to paragraph 2(2), have jurisdiction to hear and determine any proceedings referred to in paragraph 2(1), notwithstanding that the amount involved exceeds the monetary limit of the ordinary jurisdiction of a District Court.

Powers of Registrar of State Courts

4. For the purpose of any proceedings to be heard and determined by a District Court pursuant to this Order, the Registrar and a Deputy Registrar of the State Courts shall have power to transact all such business and exercise all such authority and jurisdiction as may be transacted and exercised by a District Judge in Chambers under the provisions of this Order except such business, authority and jurisdiction as the Presiding Judge of the State Courts may, with the

concurrence of the Chief Justice, from time to time direct to be transacted or exercised by a District Judge in person.

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Modification of certain provisions for purpose of proceedings to be heard and determined by District Court pursuant to this Order

5. For the purpose of any proceedings to be heard and determined by a District Court pursuant to this Order, the written laws specified in the first column of the appropriate Part of the Schedule shall be read subject to the modifications set out opposite thereto in the second column of that Part of the Schedule.

Appeals

6.—(1) An appeal shall lie to the High Court from a decision of a District Court —

- (a) in any proceedings heard and determined by the District Court pursuant to this Order; or
- (b) in any proceedings, which the High Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine pursuant to section 17A(2) of the Act and which commenced on or after 1st August 1999 but before 1st November 2004, that have been transferred to a District Court for hearing and determination,

regardless of the amount in dispute or the value of the subject-matter.

(2) Except with the leave of the Court of Appeal or a Judge of the High Court, no appeal shall be brought to the Court of Appeal from a decision of the High Court in respect of any appeal heard and determined by the High Court pursuant to sub-paragraph (1), regardless of the amount in dispute or the value of the subject-matter.

(3) The procedures for appeals from such proceedings to the High Court and thereafter to the Court of Appeal shall be as specified in the Rules of Court (R 5).

Fees for proceedings heard and determined by District Court pursuant to this Order

7. For the purpose of any proceedings heard and determined by a District Court pursuant to this Order, the fees chargeable for any document filed in or issued by the Registry of the Supreme Court or the Registry of the State Courts shall be as prescribed in the Rules of Court.

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Enforcement of orders

8. Any order made by a District Court in proceedings heard and determined by it pursuant to this Order may be enforced by a District Court in the same manner as a judgment of that Court, notwithstanding that such order may involve an amount which exceeds the monetary limit of the ordinary jurisdiction of a District Court.

Revocation

9. The Supreme Court of Judicature (Transfer of Proceedings pursuant to section 17A (2)) Order (O 2, 2007 Ed.) is revoked.

THE SCHEDULE

Paragraph 5

PART I

PROCEEDINGS UNDER GUARDIANSHIP OF INFANTS ACT

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>
<i>Written Law</i>	<i>Modification</i>
Guardianship of Infants Act (Cap. 122)	<p>(a) The reference to the High Court in section 2 shall be read as a reference to a District Court.</p> <p>(b) The reference to a judge in section 2 shall be read as a reference to a District Judge.</p> <p>(c) The words “the Sheriff” in section 14 shall be read as “a bailiff”.</p>

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

- (d) The words “the High Court or a judge of the High Court” in section 21 shall be read as “a District Court or a District Judge”.

PART II

PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 112 OF WOMEN’S CHARTER

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>
<i>Written Law</i>	<i>Modification</i>
Women’s Charter (Cap. 353)	The reference to a court in section 112 shall be read as a reference to a District Court.

Made this 10th day of December 2007.

CHAN SEK KEONG
Chief Justice,
Singapore.

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