

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 5 OF 2000

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF COURT FEES

Under the existing system whereby court fees not paid via the Electronic Filing System (EFS) are collected over-the-counter in the form of either cash or cheques, much time and manpower is spent on collecting and processing these payments. In order to save time and manpower in this respect, the Supreme Court, after consultation with The Law Society, has implemented the collection of such court fees by electronic means with effect from 1 July 2000.

2. Payment through electronic means includes payment effected by Interbank GIRO (IBG), NETS, Cashcards and selected credit cards. For law firms, payment through IBG would be the most appropriate mode as it is reliable and efficient. A law firm using IBG will authorise the Supreme Court to deduct the fees from the law firm's bank account upon the lodgement of the prescribed lodgement form. Law firms will receive detailed reports on their IBG payments to facilitate accounting and help them with bank reconciliation.

3. Unless otherwise approved by the Registrar, payment of court fees payable over-the-counter must be made by electronic means. The Registrar may, in any case, waive the requirement for the payment to be effected by electronic means, on such terms and conditions as he deems fit.

4. This practice direction should be included in *The Supreme Court Practice Directions (1997 Ed.)* immediately before the first page of the table of contents. Instructions for effecting the amendments to *The Supreme Court Practice Directions (1997 Ed.)* are contained in the Appendix hereto.

Dated this 21st day of July 2000.

NG PENG HONG
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
SUPREME COURT