

Supreme Court Practice Directions (Amendment No. 1 of 2020)

Part VII: Fixing of Matters For Hearing

66. Fixing of hearing dates

(1) To assist the Registrar at the fixing of hearing dates, solicitors should provide updated information as to the current status of the cause or matter, including the prospects of settlement and any other developments which are likely to affect the length of the trial. In order to facilitate a more realistic assessment of the time required for the hearing, they will also be required to inform the Registrar of the number of witnesses they intend to call, the estimated amount of time required for each party to cross-examine all the opposing party's witnesses and the estimated total length of hearing.

(2) Solicitors who attend the fixing should be fully acquainted with the cause or matter being fixed for hearing. They should preferably be the solicitor having conduct of the cause or matter.

(3) Solicitors must attend the fixing. It is not acceptable for their clerks to attend in their stead.

(4) The attention of solicitors is drawn to Order 34, Rule 5 of the Rules of Court, which provides:

It shall be the duty of all parties to an action entered in any list to furnish without delay to the Registrar all available information as to the action being or being likely to be settled, or affecting the estimated length of the trial, and, if the action is settled or withdrawn, to notify the Registrar of the fact without delay.

[emphasis added]

(5) Further, parties are to note that any request for an early hearing date for any application, cause or matter is subject to the discretion and availability of the Court. In deciding when to fix an application, cause or matter for hearing or render its decision in any application, cause or matter, the Court is not obliged to give effect to any private agreement between parties on timelines and hearing dates.

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Part XI: Appeals and Hearings before Court of 3 Judges

90A. Applications **in civil matters before the Court of Appeal**

(1) Unless otherwise provided by any written law or otherwise directed, reply affidavits (if any) for applications **in civil matters** before the Court of Appeal are to be filed and served within 7 days ~~from~~**after** the date the application and the affidavit in support of the application (if any) are served on the party.

(2) No further affidavits shall be filed without the leave of the Court of Appeal.

(3) Unless otherwise provided by any written law or unless otherwise directed, parties are to file and serve submissions (if any) in respect of the application before the Court of Appeal within 7 days ~~from~~**after** the date the reply affidavit is due for filing and service.

(4) The submissions should comply with the following requirements:

- (a) they should not exceed 20 pages, excluding the cover page and the backing page;
- (b) all pages should be paginated, with the first page (not including any cover page) number as “Page 1”;
- (c) the minimum font size to be used is Times New Roman 12 or its equivalent;
- (d) the print of every page shall be double-spaced; and
- (e) every page shall have a margin on all 4 sides, each of at least 35mm in width.

(5) If no affidavits or submissions are filed by the timelines prescribed by this paragraph, the Court of Appeal will proceed on the basis that the party does not intend to file any affidavit or submissions and may, **in accordance with s 34A(1) of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act**, decide the matter based on the documents before it without hearing oral arguments.

Part XVI: Admiralty Matters

124. Arrest of ships

(1) The plaintiff will apply to a Judge for an omnibus order in every case where a ship or vessel is arrested, giving the Sheriff discretion to take various measures for the safe and satisfactory custody of the arrested property. The usual prayers in the application for an omnibus order are prayers 7 to 11 of Annex B (Standard Appraisalment and Sale Prayers and Omnibus Prayers) to the **current edition of the Admiralty Court Guide** (~~which may be found as Schedule 1 of the issued pursuant to a Registrar's Circular No. 1 of 2018 and which may be amended from time to time~~) (the "Admiralty Court Guide").

APPENDIX H

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Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Divisional and Deputy Divisional Registrars, and Senior Assistant Registrars

REGISTRAR AND DEPUTY REGISTRAR

	Name	Appointment date
Registrar	Ms Teh Hwee Hwee	9 April 2019
Deputy Registrar	Mr Phang Hsiao Chung	9 April 2019

DIVISIONAL REGISTRARS

Divisional Registrar	Name	Appointment date
Court of Appeal	Ms Chong Chin Chin	9 April 2019
High Court	Ms Cornie Ng	1 January 2015
Singapore International Commercial Court	Mr Phang Hsiao Chung	9 April 2019

SENIOR ASSISTANT REGISTRARS

Senior Assistant Registrar	Appointment date
Ms Cornie Ng	15 April 2011
Mr Edwin San	1 May 2016
Ms Chong Chin Chin	1 October 2018
Ms Cheng Pei Feng	1 October 2018
Mr David Lee	6 January 2020

DEPUTY DIVISIONAL REGISTRARS

Deputy Registrar	Divisional	Name	Appointment date
Court of Appeal		Ms Janice Wong Mr Paul Chan Mr Justin Yeo Mr Colin Seow	9 April 2019
Singapore Commercial Court	International	Ms Una Khng Ms Carol Liew Ms Crystal Tan	9 April 2019 6 January 2020 6 January 2020