IN THE SUBORDINATE COURTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO. 5 OF 2013

LAUNCH OF THE INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC LITIGATION SYSTEM FOR FAMILY PROCEEDINGS IN THE SUBORDINATE COURTS

Electronic filing through the Integrated Electronic Litigation System (eLitigation) will commence for all proceedings in the Family and Juvenile Justice Division of the Subordinate Courts with effect from Monday, 2 December 2013.

2 The electronic filing of applications / documents through the existing Electronic Filing System (EFS) will cease from 2359 hours on 24 November 2013.

3 During the Transition Period from 0001 hours on 25 November 2013 to 2359 hours on 1 December 2013 (both dates inclusive), there will be no electronic filing service for matters in the **Family and Juvenile Justice Division** of the Subordinate Courts.

4 To facilitate the commencement of eLitigation for matters in the Family and Juvenile Justice Division, there will be no electronic filing service for matters in the **Civil Justice Division** of the Subordinate Courts during the Interim Transition Period from 0001 hours on 29 November 2013 to 2359 hours on 1 December 2013 (both dates inclusive).

5 Any solicitor with filing deadlines or any urgent application to make during the Transition Period or Interim Transition Period may proceed to see the respective Duty Registrars in the Family and Juvenile Justice Division or the Civil Justice Division for directions. The Duty Registrar may —

- (a) grant an extension of time for the filing of the application / document on or after 2 December 2013;
- (b) grant leave for the application / document to be filed in hard copy on the solicitor's undertaking to file the same electronically on or after 2 December 2013; or
- (c) make such other orders as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

6 For additional information, please refer to the eLitigation website at <u>https://www.elitigation.sg/GetReady/index.html</u>.

7 To facilitate the implementation of eLitigation for proceedings in the Family and Juvenile Justice Division of the Subordinate Courts, the amendments to the Women's Charter (Matrimonial Proceedings) Rules (Cap 353, R 4) made by the Women's Charter (Matrimonial Proceedings) (Amendment) Rules 2013 as well as the amendments to the Subordinate Courts Practice Directions, will come into operation on 2 December 2013. 8. For the amendments to the Subordinate Courts Practice Directions, please refer to the Subordinate Courts' website at: http://app.subcourts.gov.sg/subcourts/page.aspx?pageid=86819&secid=86815.

Dated this 1st day of November 2013.

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