

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 1/2004

(GCR O.1, R. 12)

CORRECTIONS TO JUDGMENTS

1. Unless the judge otherwise sees fit, copies of written judgments will now be made available before being released as finally approved to facilitate the following:
  - 1.1 To enable the attorneys of the parties to consider the judgment and decide what consequential orders they should seek. In appropriate cases the judge may impose conditions of confidentiality until the judgment is finally released or until the formal order is finally issued.
  - 1.2 To enable the attorneys of the parties to submit any written suggestions to the judge about typing errors, wrong references of fact or citation of authority or other minor corrections of that kind in good time, so that, if the judge thinks fit, the judgment can be corrected before it is finally handed down in open Court or Chambers.
2. The same will apply to reasons for judgments.
3. Written suggestions for changes must be submitted within 72 hours of the release of the judgment or reasons for judgment; unless the judge otherwise directs in writing.
4. Judgments or reasons for judgments released on the foregoing basis will on every page be stamped: “Unapproved version: No permission is granted to publicise, copy, or use in Court”
5. None of the foregoing is intended to affect the discretion of the judge to issue errata in respect of written judgments or reasons for judgments for errors which later come to the judge’s attention but within a reasonable time after the formal delivery (for example, errors which may be identified by the editors of the Law Reports). The intention is that any such errata will be given within 4 weeks of the formal release of the judgment or reasons for judgment and will immediately be notified to the attorneys and publishers of the Law Reports upon being given.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2004

The Hon. Anthony Smellie, QC, Chief Justice