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CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM

TO:

All Attorneys practicing in the Family Division of the Grand Court;

Court Staff

FROM:

Chief Justice

DATE:

October 3 2012

SUBJECT:

Circular Practice Memorandum

In the Grand Court The Family Division

Practical difficulties in complying with the requirement of Practice Direction No. 6 of 2012 for the filing of affidavits have been brought to my attention.

That concern, as well as the recent implementation of the Children Law, require the extensive revision of the practice in relation to Family and Children matters before the Family Division and before the Summary Court.

It is therefore intended that Practice Direction No. 6 of 2012 will in short order, be revoked and replaced.

In the meantime, in order to address the immediate concern about the filing of affidavits mentioned above, the following practice will be adopted until further notice; with Practice Direction No. 6 of 2012 otherwise continuing to apply:

Instead of the requirement for the filing of an affidavit in support of a summons for a hearing, the parties shall file (within four (4) days prior to the family mention day hearing) a brief chronology, a statement of issues and, where a party is in a position to make a proposal for settlement (either on the interim or final basis) of a contentious issue; a position paper.

Hon. Anthony Smellie

Chief Justice