

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO 5/1984

Filing of documents

The rules of practice and procedure require that all pleadings (writs statement of claims, statement of defence, counter claim, reply and an document amending them) must be filed (and the appropriate fee in respect thereof paid) before they can be used in Court at the trial of a cause or matter. In a recent case Counsel for a part in the course of arguments before the court submitted what purported to be an amended Statement of Defence and Counsel for the opposite part produced what purported to be a Reply thereto. These two documents (pleadings) had not then been filed in the Registry. However the trial Judge allowed the documents to form part of the pleadings in the case but ordered that they be filed "forthwith."

The rules are elementary rules of practice and procedure. Non-compliance thereof is a reflection on the standing of the Brunei Bar.

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)
(Dato Mohd. Ali bin Salleh),
Chief Registrar

*There is no record that these documents have since been filed.

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