

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION 1 OF 2023**

The Court of Appeal

## **Bundles of Authorities**

- 1. The current practice, in both Civil and Criminal Appeals, of filing bundles of authorities (where the entire Law Report is submitted) will no longer, as from the date of this Direction, be accepted by the Court Registry.
- 2. Authorities may only be referred to in the following manner:
  - a) The proposition or principle being advanced or relied upon shall be stated in an outline with a reference to the title only of the authorities relied upon and it shall appear on the front page of the Bundle of Authorities (with the relevant page reference or headnote).
  - b) Only those parts of the authority which it is submitted support the stated proposition or principle may be annexed to the party's written submission. Parties are to take full responsibility in keeping their contents within reasonable bounds and exercise restraint. It should only include the cases which are likely to be referred to during an oral argument.
- 3. Any authorities which fail to comply with this direction will be rejected by the Registry.
- 4. Further, any non-compliance with this direction or in cases where the Court is of the opinion that costs have been wasted by the inclusion of unnecessary authorities, or failure to follow its provisions may be reflected in adverse orders by the court, in respect of costs and directions to the Registrar conducting the taxation proceedings.

Dated the

day of October 2023

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Dato Seri Paduka Steven Chong

**Chief Justice**