



## **PRACTICE DIRECTION 2 of 2022**

### **Precedence and Attendance of Advocates and Solicitors, the Public Prosecutor and Deputy Public Prosecutors**

In order to give substance to the principle of precedence and the hierarchy of the various court levels, the Chief Justice has directed that Advocates and Solicitors, the Public Prosecutor and Deputy Public Prosecutors who intend to appear before Judges, Registrars or Magistrates should inform the court of any court matters in which two cases in different courts on the same day have been fixed (cross courting).

The attendance of Advocates and Solicitors, the Public Prosecutor and Deputy Public Prosecutors ought to be in order of the existing hierarchical court structure starting with the Court of Appeal, High Court, Intermediate Court and Magistrate's Court.

Advocates and Solicitors, the Public Prosecutor and Deputy Public Prosecutors who have two court matters on the same day must inform both courts with a simple letter addressed to both courts at least 2 clear days before the scheduled hearing. Parties ought to be mindful court users are not inconvenienced due to cross courting.

This Practice Direction is to take effect from 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**DATO SERI PADUKA STEVEN CHONG**

**CHIEF JUSTICE**

8<sup>th</sup> June 2022