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**No. S 409**

**FAMILY JUSTICE ACT 2014  
(ACT 27 OF 2014)**

**FAMILY JUSTICE (AMENDMENT NO. 2) RULES 2018**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 46 of the Family Justice Act 2014 and all other powers enabling us under any written law, we, the Family Justice Rules Committee, make the following Rules:

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Rules are the Family Justice (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2018 and come into operation on 20 June 2018.

**Amendment of rule 3**

**2.** Rule 3(1) of the Family Justice Rules 2014 (G.N. No. S 813/2014) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “attend”, the following definition:

““application form” means a form by which an application under rule 176A may be made;”;  
and

(b) by deleting the definition of “originating process” and substituting the following definition:

““originating process” means a writ of summons, an originating summons or an application form;”.

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**Amendment of rule 18****3. Rule 18 of the principal Rules is amended —**

- (a) by deleting the word “Proceedings” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “Unless otherwise provided in these Rules, proceedings”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “that Act” in paragraph (2)(f), the words “or these Rules”.

**Amendment of rule 100****4. Rule 100 of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (6), the following paragraph:**

“(6A) The Court may order to be struck out any matter, in an unsworn statement filed under paragraph (6), that is scandalous, irrelevant or otherwise oppressive.”.

**New rule 109A****5. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 109, the following rule:****“Hearing of application for order under rule 102, 104, 105 or 106 by Registrar in Chambers**

**109A.** Unless the Court otherwise directs, an application for an order under rule 102, 104, 105 or 106 may be heard and determined by the Registrar in Chambers.”.

**Amendment of rule 114****6. Rule 114 of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (7), the following paragraph:**

“(7A) The Court may order to be struck out any matter, in any document produced under paragraph (6) or any statement of evidence filed under paragraph (7)(b), that is scandalous, irrelevant or otherwise oppressive.”.

**Amendment of rule 175**

7. Rule 175(1) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the definition of “relevant person” and substituting the following definition:

““relevant person” means a person (other than a named defendant) who is specified in any practice directions to be —

(a) a person whose consent must be given for an application under rule 176A; or

(b) a person who is to be served under rule 179 with an application under the Act,

and different persons may be specified for different applications and different matters under the Act.”.

**Amendment of rule 176**

8. Rule 176(3) of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (b); and

(b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of sub-paragraph (c) and substituting the word “; or”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(d) an application is made under rule 176A.”.

**New rule 176A**

9. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 176, the following rule:

**“Uncontested applications for specified matters**

**176A.**—(1) This rule applies to every uncontested application to the Court under the Act in respect of any matter that is specified in the practice directions made for the purposes of this rule (called in this rule a specified matter).