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**SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT
(CHAPTER 322)**

RULES OF COURT (AMENDMENT NO. 3) RULES 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred on us by section 80 of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act and all other powers enabling us under any written law, we, the Rules Committee, hereby make the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Rules of Court (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2014 and shall come into operation on 1 October 2014.

Amendment of Order 1

2. Order 1 of the Rules of Court (R 5, 2014 Ed.) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “and State Courts” in Rule 2(1) and substituting the words “, the Family Justice Courts and the State Courts”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “Family Court proceedings” in Rule 4(1) and substituting the following definition:

“ “Family Court proceedings” means —

(a) before 1 October 2014, any proceedings which were heard by a District Judge, or by the Registrar of the State Courts, sitting in the Family and Juvenile Justice Division of the State Courts, and any such proceedings which were transferred to the High Court; or

(b) on or after 1 October 2014 —

(i) any proceedings in a Family Court (whether heard by a judge of the

Family Court or by the Registrar of the Family Justice Courts), and any such proceedings which are transferred to the Family Division of the High Court; and

- (ii) any transferred proceedings referred to in paragraph (a) which are pending in the High Court on or after 1 October 2014;”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “High Court” in the definition of “Judge” in Rule 4(1), the words “, a judge of a Family Court”;
- (d) by deleting the words “or State Courts” in the definitions of “officer” and “sign” in Rule 4(1) and substituting in each case the words “, the Family Justice Courts or the State Courts”;
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the words “the Registry of the Supreme Court” in the definition of “Registry” in Rule 4(1), the words “, the Registry of the Family Justice Courts”;
- (f) by inserting, immediately after the word “includes” in the definition of “Sheriff” in Rule 4(1), the words “a bailiff of the Family Justice Courts and”;
- (g) by deleting the words “the High Court or any one or more Judges thereof or a District Court or District Judge” in Rule 4(2) and substituting the words “the High Court, a Family Court or a District Court, or a judge of the High Court, judge of the Family Court or District Judge”;
- (h) by inserting, immediately after Rule 7, the following Rule:

“Modification of Forms for use in Family Court (O. 1, r. 7A)

7A.—(1) The Forms in Appendix A to these Rules shall be used, where applicable to proceedings in a Family Court or the Family Justice Courts or to appeals

from such proceedings, with such modifications as the circumstances of the particular case require.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), in any Form applicable to any proceedings in a Family Court or the Family Justice Courts or to any appeal from any such proceedings, unless the context otherwise requires —

- (a) a reference to a State Court or a District Court shall be replaced by a reference to a Family Court;
 - (b) a reference to a District Judge shall be replaced by a reference to a judge of a Family Court;
 - (c) a reference to the State Courts shall be replaced by a reference to the Family Justice Courts;
 - (d) a reference to the Registrar of the State Courts shall be replaced by a reference to the Registrar of the Family Justice Courts; and
 - (e) a reference to the Registry of the State Courts shall be replaced by a reference to the Registry of the Family Justice Courts.”;
- (i) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (b) of Rule 9(5), the following sub-paragraph:
- “(ba) any matter or proceeding commenced in a Family Court and any appeal from that matter or proceeding;”; and
- (j) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (b) of the definition of “Court” in Rule 9(6), the following paragraph:
- “(ba) a Family Court, if the relevant matter or proceeding is any matter, proceeding or appeal referred to in paragraph (5)(ba);”.

Amendment of Order 11

3. Order 11 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting Rule 9 and substituting the following Rule:

“Service abroad of certain documents (O. 11, r. 9)

9.—(1) An originating process issued in the Family Justice Courts or the State Courts which is to be served out of Singapore in any jurisdiction (other than Malaysia or Brunei Darussalam) —

- (a) shall be sent by the Registrar of the Family Justice Courts or the Registrar of the State Courts (as the case may be) to the Registrar of the Supreme Court; and
- (b) shall be served in accordance with these Rules relating to the service out of Singapore of an originating process issued in the Supreme Court.

(2) Every certificate of service received by the Registrar of the Supreme Court in respect of such service shall be transmitted by the Registrar of the Supreme Court to the Registrar of the Family Justice Courts or the Registrar of the State Courts (as the case may be).”.

Amendment of Order 15

4. Order 15, Rule 8 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “or the State Courts” in paragraphs (3) and (4)(b) and substituting in each case the words “, the seal of the Family Justice Courts or the seal of the State Courts, as the case may be”.

Amendment of Order 25

5. Order 25, Rule 2(4) of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “transferred to”, the words “a Family Court or”.

Amendment of Order 32

6. Order 32, Rule 9 of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:

“(3) Rule 1 shall apply in relation to the jurisdiction of the Registrar of the Family Justice Courts but with the following modifications:

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- (a) the reference to the Registrar of the Supreme Court shall be construed as a reference to the Registrar of the Family Justice Courts; and
 - (b) the reference to directions which the Chief Justice may make shall be construed as a reference to directions which the Presiding Judge of the Family Justice Courts may, with the concurrence of the Chief Justice, make.”.

Amendment of Order 33

7. Order 33, Rule 4(1) of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Cap. 322)”, the words “, section 27 of the Family Justice Act 2014 (Act 27 of 2014)”.

Amendment of Order 34

8. Order 34, Rule 4 of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “Chief Justice”, the words “, the Presiding Judge of the Family Justice Courts”.

Amendment of Order 34A

9. Order 34A of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after Rule 1, the following Rule:

“Directions for conduct of family proceedings (O. 34A, r. 1A)

1A.—(1) This Rule applies only to proceedings in the Family Division of the High Court or a Family Court.

(2) The directions which the Court may give under Rule 1(1) include directions on one or more of the following matters:

- (a) the giving of evidence orally or by affidavit;
- (b) the time limited for giving oral testimony;
- (c) the calling of a witness to give evidence with a view to assisting in the resolution or disposal of a cause or matter, whether or not any party to the proceedings