

Supreme Court of Judicature (Transfer of International Child Abduction Proceedings to District Court) Order 2011

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

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE (TRANSFER OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION PROCEEDINGS TO DISTRICT COURT) ORDER 2011

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 28A of the Supreme Court of

Judicature Act, I, Chan Sek Keong, Chief Justice, hereby make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Supreme Court of Judicature (Transfer of International Child Abduction Proceedings to District Court) Order 2011 and shall come into operation on 1st March 2011.

Proceedings transferred to District Court

2. Any proceedings under the International Child Abduction Act 2010 (Act 27 of 2010) commenced in the High Court shall be transferred to and be heard and determined by a District Court.

Jurisdiction of District Court

3. For the avoidance of doubt, a District Court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any proceedings referred to in paragraph 2, notwithstanding that any amount involved in those proceedings exceeds the monetary limit of the ordinary jurisdiction of a District Court.

Powers of registrar of Subordinate Courts

4.—(1) For the purpose of any proceedings to be heard and determined by a District Court pursuant to this Order, the registrar and a deputy registrar of the Subordinate Courts shall have power to transact all such business and exercise all such authority and jurisdiction as may be transacted and exercised by a District Judge in chambers under this Order, except such business, authority and jurisdiction as the Chief District Judge may, with the concurrence of the Chief Justice, from time to time direct to be transacted or exercised by a District Judge in person.

(2) The registrar of the Subordinate Courts shall, in relation to any order for the execution of a deed or for the signing of a document made by a District Court in connection with any proceedings heard and determined by it pursuant to this Order, have the same powers as those conferred on the Registrar of the Supreme Court by section 14 of the Act.

Modification to International Child Abduction Act 2010 for purposes of this Order

5. For the purpose of any proceedings to be heard and determined by a District Court pursuant to this Order, the reference to “the High Court or a Judge thereof” in the definition of “Court” in section 2(1) of the International Child Abduction Act 2010 (Act 27 of 2010) shall be read as a reference to “a District Court or a District Judge”.