

Supreme Court of Judicature (Transfer of Proceedings pursuant to Section 17A(2)) Order 2004

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

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE (TRANSFER OF PROCEEDINGS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 17A (2)) ORDER 2004

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 28A of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, I, Yong Pung How, Chief Justice, hereby make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Supreme Court of Judicature (Transfer of Proceedings pursuant to Section 17A(2)) Order 2004 and shall come into operation on 1st November 2004.

Proceedings transferred to District Court

2.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), any proceedings which may be heard and determined by the High Court pursuant to section 17A(2) of the Act and which is commenced in the High Court on or after 1st November 2004 shall be transferred to and be heard and determined by a District Court.

(2) Where in any proceedings transferred to a District Court under sub-paragraph (1) —

- (a) an application is made for the division of matrimonial assets;
- (b) the application is contested; and
- (c) the gross value of the matrimonial assets is asserted by any party to the proceedings, in the manner required by the Registrar of the Subordinate Courts, to be of or above the value of \$1.5 million,

the proceedings shall, upon the direction of the Registrar of the Subordinate Courts that they are ready for hearing, be transferred to and be heard and determined by the High Court.

(3) In sub-paragraph (2)(c), “gross value of the matrimonial assets” means the total value of the assets, disregarding any outstanding liabilities attached thereto or any personal liabilities.

Jurisdiction of District Court

3. For the avoidance of doubt, a District Court shall, subject to paragraph 2(2), have jurisdiction to hear and determine any proceedings referred to in paragraph 2(1), notwithstanding that the amount involved exceeds the monetary limit of the ordinary jurisdiction of a District Court.