

**Chief Justice's**  
**Practice Direction No. 2 of 2011**

**“Cessation of practice of including father’s names  
of litigants of Indian ethnicity on  
all Court Documents”**

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In colonial days members of the Indian race were obliged to provide their father’s name on official forms. Members of other races were not so obliged. The requirement was anomalous and inconsistent, for in some cases a son of a father of non-Indian ethnicity also did not bear the same surname as his father.

On some forms, an ethnicity-neutral question may properly seek to know the name of the applicant’s father. This is in order. However questions addressed to Indians or Indians only concerning their father’s name are no longer to be requested or answered.

Second, the father’s name on all court documents is no longer to be provided. Indeed Registries are instructed no longer to accept documents in that form. Solicitors will be asked to correct the documents before filing, or to re-file incorrectly filed documents. No further filing fees will be charged upon the re-filing.

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