

CHIEF JUSTICE's PRACTICE DIRECTION

No. 1 of 2020

1. In compliance with the Legal Practitioners Act of 2009, the Rules of Professional Conduct and Practice, and ensuring that matters before the Courts are dealt with in a timely manner, the following directive is issued.
2. With effect from today, the following directive is applicable:
 - (a) Legal Aid Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") will be permitted to appear for and represent parties to the same proceedings in Family Law matters where they have been granted Legal Aid assistance;
 - (b) The legal practitioners from the Commission appearing for different parties in the same proceedings must not be from the same branch.
3. In the interests of justice, especially in cases involving children, it is imperative that proactive measures are taken to ensure justice is not delayed nor denied to a litigant and especially so when parties are legally aided.
4. A legal practitioner of the Commission shall be subject to the rules under the Legal Practitioners Act of 2009.
5. Compliance with the above directive will greatly assist litigants and expedite the Court process.


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2nd April 2020