



CHIEF REGISTRAR'S DIRECTIVES TO LEGAL PRACTITIONERS NO. 1 OF 2014

In accordance with section 50(2) of the Legal Practitioners Decree of 2009, I hereby direct that all legal practitioners with less than two (2) years standing in Fiji may appear on their own in the High Court, Court of Appeal, or Supreme Court ONLY for chamber matters, except where the chamber matter has been commenced by way of Originating Summons. However, a legal practitioner with less than two (2) years standing in Fiji is only to appear in a chamber matter in the High Court, Court of Appeal, or Supreme Court if he or she knows, or ought to know, that he or she is competent to appear in the matter, and has the requisite depth of knowledge and skill in order to carry out his or her duty with regard to the matter before the Court.

If a legal practitioner with less than two (2) years standing in Fiji knows or ought to know that he or she is not competent to appear in the matter, and does not have the requisite depth of knowledge and skill in order to carry out his or her duty with regard to the matter before the Court, then he or she must not appear in a chamber matter before the High Court, Court of Appeal, or Supreme Court by himself or herself, but can only appear in such circumstances if appearing together with a legal practitioner of at least three (3) years standing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Yohan Liyanage', written over a dotted line.

Mr. Yohan Liyanage

Chief Registrar, Judicial Department

14 March 2014