



THE COURT OF APPEAL FOR BERMUDA

Ref. A/50

Tuesday, 22nd January 2008

CIRCULAR NO: 3 of 2008

TO ALL ATTORNEYS

COURT OF APPEAL CALENDAR: 3rd March 2008 - 20th March 2008 SESSION

I enclose herewith a Draft Cause List for the forthcoming session. Dates and times are subject to change during the session. Subject to available space and the President's directions, attorneys arguing matters on the Reserve List may need to be ready to proceed in either **Week 1 or Week 2** of the session.

- The session will commence on **Monday, 3rd March 2008** and end on **Thursday, 20th March 2008**. The Honourable President of the Court of Appeal has directed me to say that there will be no changes to the list, except as directed by the Court.
- Four copies of the Appeal Record and any documents to be viewed by the Judges are required to be filed in the Registry for the Court of Appeal.
- Attorneys are reminded that they are to observe the Rules of the Court of Appeal when submitting any further applications or documentation.
- Attorneys are further reminded about providing their Authorities and Submissions for **Civil Appeals** in accordance with the dates settled before the Registrar. As the Court of Appeal Judges are traveling from overseas, it is necessary to have all Submissions received in a timely manner. This allows all appeals to proceed expeditiously. Attorneys are reminded of **Circular No.1 of 2007** wherein only Core Bundles are to be submitted for 'big' Civil Appeals.
- With respect to Criminal Appeals and to assist the Appeal Justices, the Appellants' Skeleton Arguments and Authorities must be submitted to the Registry on or before **Tuesday, 19th February 2008**; the Respondents' Skeleton Arguments and Authorities are to be submitted by close of business on **Friday, 22nd February 2008**. This supersedes any and all prior Circulars. The fact that there are negotiations between the parties is not a good reason for refraining from submitting the Skeleton Argument.
- **As has been done in the past, attorneys are reminded to keep their March calendars flexible for this Appeal Session.** The President requires that attorneys be amenable to listing changes at short notice, including any of those cases listed on the Reserve List. The President has therefore directed me to inform the attorneys that they should be prepared to proceed with their cases *on very short notice at any time* during the appeal period, and not only on the listed date.
- Finally, because of the short schedule and the pressure of work that will be on the Court of Appeal Judges, attorneys are asked to inform the Registrar of the Court as soon as possible if they intend to abandon an appeal.



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