



**THE SUPREME COURT OF BERMUDA
PRACTICE DIRECTION**

ISSUED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE

Ref. A/50

CIRCULAR NO. 2 OF 2007

Applications for Special Admission to the Bar

1. This Practice Direction is made after consultation with the Bar Council, and amends Circular No. 9 of 2006 (“Applications for Admission to the Bar”), by limiting the application of that Practice Direction to applications for full Admission under section 51(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1905.
2. Applications for Special Admission under section 51(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1905 (‘Special Admission’) are no longer required to be served upon the Bar Council. Paragraph 3(c) below has been added in place of this requirement.
3. Applications for Special Admission must be supported by an affidavit or affidavits:
 - (a) setting out the questions of law or practice of considerable difficulty or public importance which are relied upon as justifying the admission;
 - (b) exhibiting a copy of the work permit issued by or on behalf of the Minister responsible for immigration; and
 - (c) exhibiting a copy of the letter from the Bermuda Bar Association to the Minister containing the Bar Council’s representations on the issue of that work permit.
4. Special Admission will normally be limited to one overseas Queen’s Counsel per party, and will not normally be appropriate for second overseas counsel or solicitors.

Dated this 12th day of January 2007

Richard W. Ground OBE QC
Chief Justice

cc. Deputy Governor
Attorney General’s Chambers
Department of Public Prosecutions
Hamilton Police Station
Commissioner of Police
Commissioner of Corrections
Magistrates’ Court
Legal Aid Office