



The Court of Appeal for Bermuda

PRACTICE DIRECTION

ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COURT
AND THE ACTING REGISTRAR

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TO ALL ATTORNEYS:

PRACTICE DIRECTION ON COURT OF APPEAL LISTING OF CIVIL APPEALS

Aim

1. The aim of this Practice Direction is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the system for listing criminal appeals in a way which accommodates the requirements of Civil Bar and the Court. It essentially seeks to revive the Court's longstanding approach to listing, which was apparently acceptable to both Bench and Bar.

Draft Cause List

2. Not less than **4 weeks** before the start of the next Session, the Registrar will circulate a draft Cause List setting out the Civil Appeals listed for hearing in the forthcoming Session and giving standard directions for the filing of submissions and authorities.
3. A Civil Appeal will not be listed in the draft Cause List until the contents of the Record of Appeal have been agreed or directed by the Registrar.
4. A Civil Appeal entered in the draft Cause List shall be heard in the forthcoming Session absent exceptional and/or extenuating circumstances.
5. The Draft Cause List will be finalised on or before the last working day before each Session.

Reserve List

6. The Registrar shall maintain a reserve list (the “**Reserve List**”) for appeals that: (1) do not qualify for entry in the draft Cause List when it is circulated in accordance with paragraph 2 above; and (2) where an appellant wishes to be heard in the next Session.
7. Where an appellant whose appeal is listed in the Reserve List is able to meet the requirements set out in paragraph 3 hereof at any time before the end of a Session, the appeal may be heard during the relevant Session if an appeal is removed from the draft or final Cause List.

Dated the 22nd day of **April 2026**



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