

**THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE
JUDICIARY OF THE BAHAMAS
NOTICE # 7
THE COURT CORONAVIRUS MITIGATION
PROTOCOLS
RE: VARIATIONS TO NOTICE # 6
28 May, 2020.**

Reference is made to Notice # 6 dated 14 May, 2020 setting out the Court Coronavirus Mitigation Protocols (“**Notice #6**”).

1. **Bail** - Paragraph 3(vi) of the Notice is hereby rescinded and replaced by the following paragraph:

“3. (vi) Hearings of other bail applications (i.e. not certified as urgent under the current criteria and not one of the March Bail Applications) will resume:

- (a) in New Providence as of Wednesday, 3 June, 2020; and
- (b) in Grand Bahama as of Tuesday, 2 June, 2020.

Persons or their Counsel seeking a hearing date for such bail applications shall provide copies of the filed court documents:

- (a) in New Providence to the Deputy Registrar who is responsible for the Criminal Registry; and
- (b) in Grand Bahama to the Clerk of Senior Justice Evans (or such other person as may be designated by Senior Justice Evans)

in addition to serving the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. The parties will be notified of the name of the judge who will hear the application and the date of the hearing.

All bail applications heard under this paragraph will be conducted either by a Remote Hearing or an In-Person Hearing as directed by the presiding Judge. In the case of Remote Hearings, the applicant will be taken to the Remand Court to attend the hearing by live television link. If the applicant is represented by a lawyer, he/she will participate in the Remote Hearing from a venue of their choice which is appropriate for a court hearing.

2. REMOTE HEARINGS – The reference in paragraph 11(ii) to “Order 18(2)(n)” is deleted and replaced by “Order 31A r 18(2)(n)”.

Brian M. Moree QC
Chief Justice.