



**THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
JUDICIARY OF THE BAHAMAS  
NOTICE # 14  
Re. Northern Region  
THE COURT CORONAVIRUS MITIGATION PROTOCOLS 6.1  
28 January, 2021**

These Protocols, which amend certain provisions of the Court Coronavirus Mitigation Protocols 6.0 set out in Notice # 13 (“**Notice #13**”), come into effect at 12:01 a.m. on 29 January, 2021 and shall cease to have effect on such date as the Chief Justice may direct by Notice.

1. **Arraignments** - Paragraph 2(ii) of Notice #13 is hereby rescinded and replaced by the following:

“2 (ii) Until further notice, Arraignments in Grand Bahama will continue on such dates as are fixed by Senior Justice Turner in consultation with the Chief Justice.”

2. **Bail** – Paragraph 3(ii) of Notice #13 is hereby rescinded and replaced by the following paragraph:

“3 (ii) Until further notice, Senior Justice Turner will hear urgent bail applications filed in Grand Bahama by Videoconferencing unless otherwise directed.”

Paragraph 3(v)(b) of Notice #13 is hereby rescinded and replaced by the following paragraph:

3(v)(b) “in Grand Bahama, until further notice, to the resident Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court (or such other person as may be designated by Senior Justice Turner)”

3. **Variation of Bail Applications** - Paragraph 4(i)(b) of Notice #13 is hereby rescinded and replaced by the following paragraph:

4(i)(b) “in Grand Bahama to the Supreme Court Registry in Freeport. PROVIDED that where the accused person is on remand at BDOCS in New Providence, the application can be made by filing the requisite court documents at the cashier’s counter in Annex 1 in New Providence and delivering filed copies of such documents (a) to the Criminal Registry in New Providence by hand; and (b) by email to the resident Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court in Freeport.”

**4. Other urgent applications on the Criminal Side** - Paragraphs 5(i) and (ii) of Notice #13 are hereby rescinded and replaced by the following paragraphs:

“5(i) Other urgent applications on the Criminal Side (i.e. not an urgent bail application under the existing criteria) whether in New Providence or Grand Bahama will be heard by either Senior Justice Turner or Justice Fraser. This Protocol will remain in effect until five (5) business days after the Expiration Date or such earlier date as may be fixed by the Chief Justice.

(ii) The party seeking a hearing date in New Providence under paragraph 5(i) must apply in writing to the Deputy Registrar responsible for the Criminal Registry attaching copies of the relevant filed Court documents or if in Grand Bahama to the resident Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court.

**Brian M. Moree QC**  
**Chief Justice.**