Practice Direction CPR PD2

No. 8 of 2023

Allocation of the work of the Court between judges and registrars

This Practice Direction is made pursuant to Part 2.2(3) of the Supreme Court Civil Procedure Rules, 2022.

SECTION I - SCOPE AND INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 Rule 2.2(1) of the Supreme Court Civil Procedure Rules, 2022 provides that the functions of the Supreme Court may be exercised by the Chief Justice, any judge or registrar of that court in accordance with the Rules or any practice direction made by the Chief Justice except where an enactment, rule or practice direction provides otherwise.
- 1.2 In respect of proceedings in the Supreme Court, Section II of this Practice Direction sets out the matters over which Registrars do not have jurisdiction and the matters which they may deal with.
- 1.3 This Practice Direction does not affect jurisdiction conferred by other enactments. Reference should also be made to other relevant Practice Directions. The jurisdiction conferred on registrars by this Practice Direction shall be exercised in accordance with directions from time to time provided by the Chief Justice.

SECTION II – ALLOCATION OF THE WORK OF THE COURT

- 2.1 Injunctions and interim remedies provided for under Part 17 (save for applications for interim payments (Rules 17.1(1)(m), 17.14 and 17.15)) may only be granted by a judge.
- 2.2 Summary judgment applications (Part 15) may only be made to a judge.
- 2.3 In addition to matters specifically identified as within the remit of a registrar by virtue of the rules, an enactment or practice direction, registrars may also hear applications for:
 - (1) default Judgments (Part 12)
 - (2) judgement on admissions (Part 14)

- (3) assessment of damages under Part 16;
- (4) interim payments (Rules 17.1(1)(m) 17.14 and 17.15);
- (5) permission to make additional claims (Part 18)
- (6) addition and substitution of parties (Part 19)
- (7) changes to Statement of Case (Part 20)
- (8) representative parties (Part 21)
- (9) orders in proceedings involving minors and patients (Part 23) except applications under Rules 23.12 and 23.13.
- (10) Security for costs (Part 24)

3. Effective date

3. This practice direction will come into effect on the 1st March, 2023.

Sir Ian R. Winder

Chief Justice

27 February 2023