ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



MOTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REVOKE STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 14 of 2023

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

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WHEREAS the Chief Justice and two other Judges of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court are empowered under the provisions of section 17 of the Supreme Court Order, Cap. 422A to make rules regulating the practice and procedure of the Court of Appeal and High Court; and

WHEREAS by the Authority referred to above the Chief Justice and two other Judges of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court did execute Statutory Instrument No. 14 of 2023 being the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Civil Procedure Rules (Revised) Edition 2023 which was published in the Official *Gazette* on the 25th April, 2023 with a stated commencement date of 31st July 2023; and

WHEREAS on a further review of the Statutory Instrument it became apparent that there were several errors that would have affected the content and operation of the rules; and

NOTING THAT a corrected version of the rules has been presented by the Chief Justice and two other Judges of the Supreme Court for publication under the same name and as Statutory Instrument No. 31 of 2023 which has been published in the official Gazette on 20th July, 2023 with a stated commencement date of 31st July 2023; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court Order, Cap. 422A does not provide for the revocation of a Statutory Instrument; noting that a statutory instrument cannot be repealed until the Statutory Instrument has come into effect; and further noting that it is within the Authority of the House to revoke the Statutory Instrument at this stage, this Honourable House is requested on the advice of the Chief Justice and two other Judges of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court to revoke Statutory Instrument No. 14 of 2023 thereby allowing for only one statutory instrument bearing the name "Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Civil Procedure Rules (Revised Edition) 2023 to be in effect at the date of commencement of the said rules on the 31st July 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, this Honourable House having supervisory authority over the making of regulations and subsidiary laws and orders hereby revokes Statutory Instrument No. 14 of 2023 on the advice of the Chief Justice and of the two other Judges of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 27th day of July, 2023

Sir Gerald Watt, Q. C, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Ondell Constant

Clerk to the House of Representatives (Ag.)