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### No. 5 of 2021

### COURT OF APPEAL (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021

#### AN ACT TO AMEND THE COURT OF APPEAL ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF THE COURT OF APPEAL AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES

[Date of Assent - 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021]

#### Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

#### 1. Short title.

This Act, which amends the Court of Appeal Act (*Ch. 52*), may be cited as the Court of Appeal (Amendment) Act, 2021.

#### 2. Insertion of new section 5A into the principal Act.

The principal Act is amended by the insertion, immediately after section 5, of the following new section —

#### "5A. Appointment of Assistant Registrar.

The Governor-General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission, may appoint a person to be the Assistant Registrar of the Court of Appeal:

Provided that no person shall be appointed to be the Assistant Registrar of the Court of Appeal unless —

- (a) he is a member of at least three years standing of the English, Irish, Scottish or Bahamas Bar or of the Bar of any country of the Commonwealth to which a member of The Bahamas Bar is admitted without examination; or
- (b) he has been enrolled and has practised for at least three years as a solicitor in England, Ireland or Scotland, or in any country of the Commonwealth where a member of The Bahamas Bar is permitted to practise as a solicitor without examination.".

# 3. Amendment of section 6 of the principal Act.

Section 6 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) in the marginal note, by the deletion of the words "and Deputy Registrar" and the substitution of the words ", Deputy Registrar and Assistant Registrar"; and
- (b) in subsection (3), by the insertion immediately after the words "Deputy Registrar" of the words "and Assistant Registrar".

## 4. Amendment of section 6A of the principal Act.

Subsection (2) of section 6A of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of the words "or the Deputy Registrar" and the substitution of the words ", the Deputy Registrar or the Assistant Registrar ".

## 5. Amendment of the Schedule to the principal Act.

The Schedule to the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by the insertion immediately after the words "Deputy Registrar" of the words "Assistant Registrar"; and
- (b) by the deletion of the words "or a Deputy Registrar" and the substitution of the words ", the Deputy Registrar or the Assistant Registrar".