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## SUPREME COURT (CHAPTER 53)

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The Rules Committee, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 76 of the Supreme Court Act, makes the following rules –

### 1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) These Rules may be cited as the Supreme Court (Amendment) Rules, 2010.
- (2) These rules shall be deemed to have come into force on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

## Repeal of Part II of Order 31 A.

Part II of Order 31 A of the principal Rules is hereby repealed.

#### 3. Amendment to Part III of Order 31 A.

Part III of Order 31 A of the principal Rules is hereby amended as follows –

- (a) by the renumbering of Part III as Part II;
- (b) by the deletion of rule 7 and the substitution thereof of the following –

### "7. Case management conference.

- Upon the filing of a defence, the Registrar shall immediately refer the proceeding to a case management conference to be conducted by a Judge.
- (2) Where only part of the proceeding is settled or no settlement of the proceedings is reached the Judge shall also conduct a case management conference.";

- (c) by the deletion of the marginal note at rule 8 and the substitution thereof of the following
  - "8. Procedure at case management conference";
- (d) by the deletion of paragraph (1) of rule 8;
- (e) by the renumbering of paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of rule 8 as paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) respectively; and
- (f) by the insertion of the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (3) of rule 8
  - "(4) The Judge, as the case may be, may refer the parties to a mediator to consider the claim or any issue arising in the claim.".

### 4. Transitional.

Where any civil proceeding is at the stage of a dispute resolution conference, after the commencement of these Rules, those proceedings shall be referred by the Registrar immediately to a case management conference.

Made this 15th day of February, 2010.

Signed
SIR MICHAEL BARNETT
Chief Justice
Chairman – Rules Committee