

THE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS (REGULATION OF
REPORTS) Act
14 of 1987.

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1. This Act may be cited as the Judicial Proceedings Short title.
(Regulation of Reports) Act.

2. A person shall not print or publish or cause or permit Restriction
on publica-
tion of
reports of
certain
judicial
proceedings.
to be printed or published, in relation to any judicial
proceedings for dissolution of marriage, nullity of marriage,
judicial separation or restitution of conjugal rights, any
particulars other than, subject to section 3, the following—

(a) the names, addresses and occupation of the parties
and witnesses;

(b) the grounds of—

(i) the petition or application; and

(ii) any defence or counter-charge,

in support of which evidence has been given;

(c) submissions on any point of law arising in the
course of the proceedings and the decision of the
court thereon; and

(d) the judgment of the court and any observations
made by the judge in giving judgment.

3. Any printing or publication permitted pursuant to section 2 or section 6 (c) or (d) shall have regard to any direction of a court that the parties to proceedings before the court shall not be identified otherwise than by their initials or in such other manner as the court may approve. Power of
courts to
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Penalty.

4. A person who contravenes the provisions of this Act is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Consent of Director of Public Prosecutions.

5. No prosecution for an offence against this Act shall be commenced by any person unless the Director of Public Prosecutions consents thereto.

Exemption of certain documents from operation of Act.

6. Nothing in this Act shall apply to—

- (a) the printing of any pleading, transcript of evidence or other document for use in connection with any judicial proceedings or the communication thereof to persons concerned in such judicial proceedings;
- (b) the printing or publishing of any notice or report pursuant to a direction of the court;
- (c) the printing or publishing in any separate volume or part of any *bona fide* series of law reports of any matter which does not form part of any other publication and, subject to section 3, consists solely of reports of proceedings in courts of law;
- (d) the printing or publishing of any matter, subject to section 3, in any publication of a technical character *bona fide* intended for circulation among members of the legal or medical profession; or
- (e) the printing or publishing of any extract from law reports referred to in paragraph (c) or from any publication referred to in paragraph (d).