

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 4 OF 2009

CITATION OF JUDGMENTS - SINGAPORE LAW REPORTS (REISSUE)

1 The Singapore Law Reports (Reissue) 1965 – 2009 series (“SLR(R)”) will be launched in January 2010. This Practice Direction amends paragraph 63(6) of *The Supreme Court Practice Directions (2007 Ed)* to clarify that counsel who wish to cite a local judgment from 1965 to 2009 shall cite the SLR(R) in preference to other editions of the Singapore Law Reports.

2 The amended paragraph 63(6) shall read as follows:

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(6) Counsel who cite a judgment must use the official series of the law report(s) or, if the official series is not available, any other law report series in which the judgment was published. Counsel should refrain from referring to (or including in the bundle of authorities) copies of judgments which are printed out from electronic databases, unless (i) such judgments are not available in any law report series; or (ii) the print-outs are the exact copies of the judgments in the law report series.

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(c) England & Wales	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Law Reports published by the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting (e.g. Queen’s Bench (QB), Appeal Cases (AC), Chancery (Ch), Family (Fam), Probate (P)) 2. Weekly Law Reports (WLR) 3. All England Law Reports (All ER)
(d) Australia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commonwealth Law Reports (CLR) 2. Australian Law Reports (ALR)
(e) Canada	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supreme Court Reports (SCR) 2. Federal Court Reports (FC) 3. Dominion Law Reports (DLR)

(f) New Zealand	New Zealand Law Reports (NZLR)”
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3 This practice direction shall take effect on 11 January 2010.

4 This practice direction shall be included in *The Supreme Court Practice Directions (2007 Ed)* immediately before the first page of the table of contents. Instructions for effecting the amendments to *The Supreme Court Practice Directions (2007 Ed)* are contained in the Appendix hereto.

Dated this 26th day of November 2009



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APPENDIX

- 1) The existing page PART VII - 15 to be replaced with the attached page PART VII - 15.

- (5) In addition, counsel who cite a foreign judgment must:
- (i) draw the attention of the Court to any local judgment that may be relevant to whether the Court should accept the proposition that the foreign judgment is said to establish; and
 - (ii) ensure that such citation will be of assistance to the development of local jurisprudence on the particular issue in question.

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