Supreme Court Practice Directions (Amendment No. 1 of 2015)

Part II: General Matters

11. Urgent applications on weekends and public holidays

(1) There may be occasions when urgent applications for interim injunctions or interim preservation of subject matter of proceedings, evidence and assets to satisfy judgments need to be heard on weekends and public holidays. To request for the urgent hearing of such applications, the applicant should contact the Registrar on duty at 6332-4351 or 6332-4352. The Registrar will only arrange for the hearing of applications which are so urgent that they cannot be heard the next working day.

(2) All the necessary papers required for the application must be prepared together with the appropriate draft orders of Court.

(3) An undertaking from counsel shall be given to have all the documents (including the originating process) filed in Court the next available working day must be furnished to the Registrar processing the application.

(4) The hearing may take place in the Registrar's Chambers in the Supreme Court or at any place as directed by the Judge or Registrar hearing the matter.

<u>11. Urgent applications outside of the Court's office hours</u></u>

(1) When an applicant files an application for any civil matter (including applications for interim injunctions or interim preservation of subject matter of proceedings, evidence and assets to satisfy judgments) or criminal matter, and the application is so urgent that it has to be attended to outside of the hours specified in paragraph 12(2) of these Practice Directions, the applicant's counsel must contact the Registrar on duty at 6332 4351 or 6332 4352.

(2) When the applicant seeks an urgent hearing for the application, all the papers required for the application must have been prepared, together with the appropriate draft orders of Court. Where the documents (including the originating process) have yet to be filed in Court when counsel seeks the urgent hearing, he must furnish an undertaking to the Registrar processing the application to have these documents filed in Court by such time as the Registrar may direct and, in any event, no later than the next working day.

(3) In seeking an urgent hearing, counsel is to ensure that all applicable notice requirements prescribed by these Practice Directions are complied with. For criminal matters to be heard *inter partes*, notice must be given to the other party prior to the applicant seeking an urgent hearing.

(4) The Registrar will only arrange for the matter to be heard outside of office hours if it is so urgent that it cannot be heard the next working day. The hearing may take place in the Registrar's Chambers in the Supreme Court or at any place as directed by the Judge or Registrar hearing the matter.