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THE JUDICATURE (RULES OF COURT) ACT

The Judicature (Rules of Court) (Master in Chambers) Rules, 2021

In exercise of the power conferred upon the Rules Committee of the Supreme Court by section 4(1) of the Judicature (Rules of Court) Act, the following Rules are made pursuant to section 4(2) of the Act:

1. These Rules may be cited as the Judicature (Rules of Court) (Master in Chambers) Rules, 2021, and shall come into operation on the 16th day of September, 2021.

2. A Master in Chambers may transact all such business and exercise all such jurisdiction as may be transacted or exercised by a Judge of the Supreme Court in Chambers, except—

- (a) appeals from the Lay Magistrates Courts;
- (b) applications-
 - (i) for orders of mandamus, prohibition or certiorari;

- (ii) for writs of *habeas corpus*;
- (iii) for leave to apply for judicial review;
- (iv) to determine the steps to be taken in fulfilment of an offer of amends under Part III of the Defamation Act;
- (c) proceedings where the decision of a Judge in Chambers is final and jurisdiction respect of the proceedings is given specifically, by an enactment, to a Judge in Chambers;
- (d) proceedings for attachment for contempt of court against a member of the legal profession acting in a professional capacity;
- (e) the review of taxation of costs.

3. The Court of Appeal Rules, 2002, shall apply to appeals from any order, or decision of a Master in Chambers.

4. The Master in Chambers Rules, 1966, are repealed.

Dated this 28th day of June, 2021.

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