PRACTICE NOTE NO 1/2022 MEMORANDUM OF REASONS/ENDORSEMENT

- 1.1. This practice note is made with the concurrence of the President and Judges of Appeal. It supplements and adjusts the protocol set out in Practice Note No 1/2020.
- 1.2. At paragraph 1.5 of that Practice Note the court indicated its intention to keep the matter of the use of memoranda of reasons under review. It has been decided to adjust and add to that protocol in order to further increase the speed and efficiency with which matters are determined and also to provide the profession and the public with a record that will allow the result of all appeals to be tracked.
- 1.3. Each memorandum of reasons will continue to be a brief statement of the reasons for the court's decision in lieu of an oral or full written judgment. This statement will, as before, be placed on the court's record, and issued to the parties in the matter as well as to the court or tribunal below.
- 1.4. Additionally, the court will, in matters it deems appropriate, make only an endorsement on the file noting its decision, in lieu of a memorandum, oral or full written judgment.
- 1.5. As of 1 January 2023, the memoranda of reasons and endorsements will be placed on the court's website. They will not bear a neutral citation but instead, the court's reference number.
- 1.6. The court has already resumed the practice of including the designation, "Oral Judgment" for judgments that have been so delivered.

Patrick Brooks, OJ, CD President of the Court of Appeal

6 December 2022