

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

PRACTICE DIRECTION

**WITNESS STATEMENTS IN MATTERS UNDER THE RULES OF THE
SUPREME COURT 1975**

[Issued under the Rules of the Supreme Court 1975 Order 1 rule 10 (1) and (2)]

With a view to avoiding any doubt as to the form and use of witness statements in proceedings under the Rules of the Supreme Court 1975, the Honourable the Acting Chief Justice, after consultation with Judges of the High Court, issues the following directions:

1. This Practice Direction is supplementary to and is to be read together with the “Practice Direction – Trial of Civil Matters” dated August 30, 2005 (“Principal Practice Direction”).
2. Where a Judge presiding in matters governed by the Rules of the Supreme Court 1975 (“RSC 1975”) orders witness statements to be filed or served pursuant to the case management powers under Parts 26, 27 or 39 of the Civil Proceedings Rules 1998 (“CPR 1998”) given to him by the Principal Practice Direction the witness statements so ordered shall comply with and their use shall be governed by the CPR 1998 Part 29 rules 4 to 5 and 7 to 14 (inclusive). Part 29 rule 6 which provides for witness summaries shall not be applicable.
3. Any application to the court (for example, to extend time) in relation to the filing or service of a witness statement as ordered by a Judge in circumstances mentioned in (1) above, shall be made in accordance with the RSC 1975 and not under the CPR 1998.

Dated 18th day of July, 2007

**Roger Hamel-Smith
Acting Chief Justice**