

The Supreme Court of Seychelles

Practice Direction No. 4 of 2009

In order to ensure smooth running of the Supreme Court and strengthen the existing divisions I make the following directions:

1. I reiterate the establishment of 2 Divisions of the Supreme Court of Seychelles:
 - (a) Criminal Division
 - (b) Civil Division.
2. There shall be assigned to these divisions judges of the supreme court who shall, for the time of assignment to a particular division, concentrate on hearing of cases in that division save for any part heard cases they may have and which they will be obliged to complete.
3. The following judges who prior to this practice directive were assigned to the Criminal Division shall continue to be so assigned.
 - (a) The Honourable Mr. Justice Duncan Gaswaga
 - (b) The Honourable Mr. Justice Mohamed Burhan
4. The following Judges who were previously assigned to the Civil Division shall continue to be assigned to the Civil Division:
 - (a) The Honourable Chief Justice FMS Egonda-Ntende
 - (b) The Honourable Mr. Justice D Karunakaran
 - (c) The Honourable Mr. Justice Bernaden Renaud.
5. All judges of the Supreme Court, regardless of divisions, shall continue to be available to sit on the Constitutional Court.
6. When the exigency of the business of the Supreme Court demands any judge of the Supreme Court may be assigned by the Chief Justice to handle a case outside the division he or she ordinarily sits.
7. Each Division shall have a head of division who shall be responsible for the day to day management of the affairs of the division including ensuring a proper distribution of the business of the division among the judges, master(s), deputy/ass registrars and other staff assigned to or working in that division; planning for the division, and any other matters that the Chief Justice shall assign him/her.
8. For the time being the Criminal Division shall be headed by the Honourable Mr. Duncan Gaswaga and the Civil Division shall be headed by the Chief Justice. In the absence a head of the division from the station that head of the division, in consultation with the Chief Justice, may designate a judge of the division to perform the functions of the head of that division.
9. The Criminal Division shall take up all criminal matters filed in the Supreme Court including matters of original jurisdiction, appeals and revisions from the magistrates' court, and other matters of a penal nature.
10. The Civil Division shall handle all other matters filed in the Supreme Court.

Made and dated at Victoria, Mahe, this 17th day of September 2009

FMS Egonda-Ntende

Chief Justice