



**THE SUPREME COURT OF BERMUDA  
PRACTICE DIRECTION**

**ISSUED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

Ref. A/50

**CIRCULAR NO. 6 OF 2006**

**Consent Orders in Ancillary Relief Proceedings**

Practitioners are reminded that when the Court is asked to make an order by consent, embodying the terms of an agreed settlement of ancillary relief proceedings, the court is still obliged to comply with the statutory duty imposed by section 29 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1974.

In this regard, the Court will in future require the following before exercising its powers under section 29:

- (i) confirmation signed by both parties or their attorneys that they or their clients have given full and frank disclosure of all material facts; and
- (ii) in the case of unrepresented parties, signed confirmation that they have been advised to seek legal advice in regard to the proposed settlement, and have either done so or have declined to do so.

Dated this 8th day of May 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. W. Ground'.

**Richard W. Ground OBE QC**  
**Chief Justice**

cc. Deputy Governor  
Attorney General's Chambers  
Department of Public Prosecutions  
Hamilton Police Station  
Commissioner of Police  
Commissioner of Corrections  
Magistrates' Court  
Legal Aid Office