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THE SUPREME COURT OF BERMUDA
PRACTICE DIRECTION

ISSUED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE

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CIRCULAR NO. 9 OF 2006

Applications for Admission to the Bar

1. This practice direction applies both to applications for full admission pursuant to section 51(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1905, and to applications for special admission under section 51(3) of the Act. It supersedes all previous practice directions on the point.
2. All applications for Admission to the Bar, together with the supporting documentation, must be served upon the Bar Council not less than five clear days before the day fixed for hearing.
3. If the Bar Council objects to the application, it must file and serve no later than two clear days before the day fixed for hearing, an acknowledgment of service setting out the grounds of its objection.
4. At the hearing the applicant will be required to produce proof of service on the Bar Council, and admission will be refused until that is done.
5. Service upon the Bar Council may be effected by leaving the documents at the office of the Bar Association, currently located at Reid House, Ground Floor, Church Street, Hamilton or by fax to 295 4540.
6. Applications for special admission under section 51(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1905 must be supported by an affidavit or affidavits:
 - (a) setting out the questions of law or practice of considerable difficulty or public importance which are relied upon as justifying the admission; and
 - (b) exhibiting a copy of the work permit issued by or on behalf of the Minister responsible for immigration.
7. Special admission under section 51(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1905, will normally be limited to one overseas counsel per party, and will not normally be appropriate for second overseas counsel or solicitors.

Dated this 25th day of May 2006

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

Richard W. Ground OBE QC
Chief Justice

cc. Deputy Governor
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Department of Public Prosecutions
Hamilton Police Station
Commissioner of Police
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