

**SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE
OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

PRACTICE DIRECTION

**Delivery of Reserved Judgments in the
Court of Appeal and High Court**

IN FUTURE, whenever the Court of Appeal delivers a reserved judgment, it shall announce in open Court only its decision and any order, which it is making. The judgment or judgments (if more than one) of the Court shall not be read but copies thereof shall then and there be given to the parties or their attorneys (if present) and at least one copy shall be made available for any interested person to read and note in court on request made to the clerk, This copy must not be removed and must be handed back after reading. In addition, a limited number of copies may be made available to the media on a first come first serve basis. These shall be distributed by the clerk after the decision has been announced.

The same practice shall obtain when the Court of Appeal gives reasons for a previously announced decision save that in such case there will be no need for the Court to announce its decision or its order as it will already have done so.

The same practice shall also be followed by Judges of High Court when delivering reserved judgments.

When a reserved judgment is delivered in accordance with the practice prescribed above, the Court may, if it thinks it necessary, give counsel appearing in the matter or any party who appears in person, an opportunity to consider the judgment and address it on another day with regard to matters such as costs or consequential relief which may depend on or be affected by the contents of the judgment. If it takes this course, the Court shall normally hold the further hearing within seven (7) days of the date of the judgment.

Date this 16th day of November 1995.

MICHAEL A. DE LA BAPTISE
Chief Justice.

