

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

PRACTICE DIRECTION

VACATION BUSINESS

The following Practice Direction is issued by the Honourable Chief Justice pursuant to Order 1 rule 10(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court 1975 in relation to vacation business.

1. Judges will be available during the Long Vacation (August 1st to September 15th inclusive) to deal with matters that are urgent or require prompt attention.
2. Any party may apply to the Court *ex parte* for a matter to be heard in the Long Vacation. Such matters must be urgent or require prompt attention.
3. Such applications must be supported by evidence on affidavit setting out the necessary facts and reasons which make the matter urgent or requiring prompt attention.
4. The Judge dealing with the application may grant the application without hearing the applicant, or may direct a hearing of the application, and may direct that notice be given to such other person or persons as the Judge deems appropriate.
5. In cases where the applicant intends to apply *ex parte* for the grant of interlocutory or other relief or order he may place that application before the Judge at the same time as the application for the matter to be heard in vacation. If the Judge orders that the application be heard in vacation, he or she may deal with that application immediately if thought appropriate.
6. When the Judge grants an application for a matter to be heard in vacation and does not deal with the matter immediately, he or she shall fix a date and time for the hearing of the matter.

7. Matters that are urgent or require prompt attention in the two Short Vacations at Christmas and Easter will be dealt with by the Emergency Judge.

8. The directions contained in this Practice Direction shall supersede and replace those contained in the Practice Direction on Vacation Business, dated 30th July, 1978 (“the 1978 directions”) and the 1978 directions are hereby revoked.

Dated this 29th day of May, 2006.

SATNARINE SHARMA
CHIEF JUSTICE