

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 179

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT, CHAP. 4:01

RULES

RULES MADE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE UNDER SECTION 78 OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT, CHAP. 4:01

THE FAMILY PROCEEDINGS (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2005

1. These Rules may be cited as the Family Proceedings Citation  
(Amendment) Rules, 2005.

2. Part 13 is amended by inserting after subrule (3) the following  
new subrule:

“ (4) Unless the court otherwise directs, during the long  
vacation the time for the fixing of the directions hearing does  
not run.”.

3. Immediately after Part 39 the following new Part is inserted:

“PART 40

VACATIONS AND OFFICE HOURS

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Terms and vacations—

40.1 (1) There shall be three terms, namely—

- (a) the first term which begins on the 3rd January  
and ends on the Thursday before Easter;
- (b) the second term which begins on the Monday  
following Easter Monday and ends on the  
31st July; and
- (c) the third term which begins on the 16th  
September and ends on the 19th December,

such dates are inclusive.

(2) Accordingly the vacations are as follows:

- (a) the long vacation which begins on the  
1st August and ends on the 15th September;
- (b) the first short vacation which begins on the  
20th December and ends on the 2nd January;  
and

- (c) the second short vacation which begins on Good Friday and ends on the Sunday following Easter Monday,

such dates are inclusive.

Hearing of matters in vacations—

40.2 (1) During vacations the court shall hear and determine only such matters as it certifies as urgent or requiring prompt attention.

(2) A party may apply to the court for any matter to be heard in vacation.

Days on which court office open and office hours—

40.3 The court office shall be open on every day of the year except—

- (a) Saturdays and Sundays;  
 (b) Carnival Monday and Tuesday;  
 (c) public holidays;  
 (d) the next following working day after Christmas Day;  
 (e) Monday and Tuesday after Easter; and  
 (f) such other days as the Chief Justice may direct, between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.”.

Made by the Rules Committee this 3rd day of June, 2005.

S. SHARMA  
*Chief Justice*

R. HAMEL-SMITH  
*Judge of the Court of Appeal*

P. JAMADAR  
*Judge of the High Court*

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Laid in the House of Representatives this 20th day of July, 2005.

J. SAMPSON-JACENT  
*Clerk of the House*

Laid in the Senate this 26th day of July, 2005.

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*Acting Clerk of the Senate*