

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 130

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT, CHAP. 12:02

RULES

MADE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE UNDER SECTION 78(A) OF THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT, CHAP. 4:01; SECTION 41 OF THE JURY ACT, CHAP. 6:53; SECTION 14(C) OF THE EVIDENCE ACT, CHAP. 7:02; SECTION 16B OF THE INDICTABLE OFFENCES (PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY) ACT, CHAP. 12:01; SECTION 77(1) OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT, CHAP. 12:02 AND SUBJECT TO NEGATIVE RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2019

**1. Citation and Commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Rules, 2019.

**2. Interpretation**

2. In these Rules, “the Rules” means the Criminal Procedure Rules, 2016. L.N. No. 55 of 2016

**3. Rule 2A amended**

3. The Rules are amended by revoking rule 2A and substituting the following rule:

**“Powers, authority and jurisdiction of Masters**

2A. (1) Subject to the provisions of subrule (2), a Master shall have power to transact all such business and exercise all such authority and jurisdiction as may be transacted or exercised by a Judge in respect of all criminal matters, including—

- (a) applications for bail under the Bail Act (Chap. 4:60);
- (b) applications for exemption from Jury service under the Jury Act (Chap. 6:53);
- (c) hearing and determination of summary matters as directed by the Chief Justice; and
- (d) the conduct of case management conferences on the direction of the Judge to whom the case is assigned.

(2) A Master shall not exercise any authority or jurisdiction in respect of the following:

- (a) trials of indictable matters;
- (b) proceedings for the grant of an injunction or other order under section 23(5) of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, (Chap. 4:01);
- (c) applications for judicial review or an application for a writ of habeas corpus;
- (d) application for an order of committal in civil proceedings;
- (e) appeals from Registrars;
- (f) applications under section 34 of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, (Chap. 4:01) for leave to institute legal proceedings;
- (g) such business, authority and jurisdiction as the Chief Justice may from time to time direct to be transacted or exercised only by a Judge; and
- (h) proceedings in respect of which jurisdiction is given by any enactment specifically to a Judge and in which the decision of the Judge is final.”.

#### **4. Rule 10 amended**

4. Rule 10.2(2) is amended in paragraph (g) by inserting after the word “case” the words “including any issues of admissibility of evidence,”.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2019.

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