

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Rules amend the Rules of the Supreme Court so as—

- (a) to amend the definition of “official referee” and to amend the provision for pleadings in vacation (Rules 2 to 5);
- (b) to give effect to section 35A of the Supreme Court Act 1981 as inserted by Schedule 1 to the Administration of Justice Act 1982 which relates to the power of the Court to award interest on debts and damages (Rules 6 to 8);
- (c) to amend the provision for amendment of pleadings (Rule 9);
- (d) to make new provision for originating summons procedure (Rules 10 to 15);
- (e) to amend the provision for a summons for directions (Rule 16);
- (f) to make provision for a summary order for account on a counterclaim (Rule 17);
- (g) to amend the provision for appeals by way of case stated (Rule 18) and for commercial actions (Rule 19);
- (h) to give effect to section 20 of the Administration of Justice Act 1982 which relates to the rectification of wills (Rules 20 and 21);
- (i) to give effect to section 7A of the Matrimonial Homes Act 1967 as inserted by section 2 of the Matrimonial Homes and Property Act 1981 which relates to proceedings in respect of a dwelling house subject to mortgage (Rule 22);
- (j) to make minor amendments in relation to the payment out of funds in Court and charity proceedings (Rules 23 to 25).