



In the Supreme Court of Bermuda

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25th February 2026

CIRCULAR NO. 3 OF 2026

TO ALL ATTORNEYS:

RE: RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT RULES 2026

This Circular is to advise that amendments are being made to the **Rules of the Supreme Court 1985** (the “**RSC**”). The amendments will insert Order 14A into the RSC relating to Disposal of Case on Point of Law.

A copy of the **Rules of the Supreme Court Amendment Rules 2026** (the “**Amendment Rules**”) are attached to this Circular.

The Amendment Rules will come into operation on **1 March 2026**.

Dated the 25th day of February 2026



ACTING REGISTRAR

CC: The Attorney-General’s Chambers
Department of Public Prosecutions
Hamilton Police Station
Commissioner of Police
Commissioner of Corrections
Magistrates Court
Bermuda Bar Association
Legal Aid Office

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The Chief Justice, in exercise of the power conferred by section 62 of the Supreme Court Act 1905, makes the following Rules:

Citation

1 These Rules may be cited as the Rules of the Supreme Court Amendment Rules 2026.

Inserts Order 14A

2 The Rules of the Supreme Court 1985 are amended by inserting after Order 14 the following new Order 14A—

"ORDER 14A

DISPOSAL OF CASE ON POINT OF LAW

Determination of questions of law or construction (O.14A, r.1)

1 (1) The Court may, upon the application of a party or of its own motion, determine any question of law or construction of any document arising in any cause or matter at any stage of the proceedings where it appears to the Court that—

- (a) such question is suitable for determination without a full trial of the action; and

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(b) such determination will finally determine (subject only to any possible appeal) the entire cause or matter or any claim or issue therein.

(2) Upon such determination the Court may dismiss the cause or matter or make such order or judgment as it thinks just.

(3) The Court shall not determine any question under this Order unless the parties have either—

(a) had an opportunity of being heard on the question; or

(b) consented to an order or judgment on such determination.

(4) The jurisdiction of the Court under this Order may be exercised by the Registrar.

(5) Nothing in this Order shall limit the powers of this Court under Order 18, rule 19 or any other provision of these rules.

Manner in which application under rule 1 may be made (O.14A, r.2)

2 (1) An application under rule 1 may be made by summons or motion or (notwithstanding Order 32, rule 1) may be made orally in the course of an interlocutory application to the Court.

(2) An application under rule 1 may be made without prejudice to Order 14; Order 18, rule 19; and Order 33, rule 7 and the Court may decline to proceed under Order 14A where it determines that another procedure would be more appropriate.”.

Commencement

3 These Rules come into operation on 1 March 2026.

Made this 24th day of February 2026

Chief Justice

[Operative Date: 01 March 2026]