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## REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**PURSUANT TO THE CRIMINAL DIVISION AND DISTRICT CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC  
COURTS ACT NO. 12 OF 2018**

**(SECTION 6)**

**And**

**PURSUANT TO THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT CHAP. 4:01**

**(SECTION 74)**

**And**

**PURSUANT TO THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT CHAP 12:02**

**(SECTION 3)**

**And**

**PURSUANT TO THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN DIVISION ACT NO. 6 OF 2016**

**(SECTION 5)**

**WHEREAS** on 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 the O'Meara Judicial Centre, Lot 74-98 O'Meara Industrial Estate, Arima, by Notice published in Gazette No. 81 of 2022, was designated a place for the sitting of the Supreme Court and Summary Courts and for the exercise of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in criminal matters.

**AND WHEREAS** on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 No. 271 Naparima-Mayaro Road, Princes Town, by Notice published in Gazette No.115 of 2022, was designated as a place for the exercise of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in criminal matters.

**TAKE NOTICE** that for the avoidance of doubt, the O'Meara Judicial Centre is designated as a place for the sitting of the Criminal Court for matters entered or required to be tried in Port-of-Spain and for matters entered or required to be tried in San Fernando.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that for the avoidance of doubt, No. 271 Naparima-Mayaro Road, Princes Town is designated as a place for the sitting of the Criminal Court for matters entered or required to be tried in Port-of-Spain and for matters entered or required to be tried in San Fernando.

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**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that:

- i. Notwithstanding that the place for the sitting of the Criminal Court for any matter entered or required to be tried in Port-of-Spain is at the O'Meara Judicial Centre or at No. 271 Naparima-Mayaro Road, Princes Town, the composition of the jury shall be in accordance with section 18 of the Jury Act Chap 6:53;
- ii. Notwithstanding that the place for the sitting of the Criminal Court for any matter entered or required to be tried in San Fernando is at the O'Meara Judicial Centre or at No. 271 Naparima-Mayaro Road, Princes Town, the composition of the jury shall be in accordance with section 18 of the Jury Act Chap 6:53.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that, in any matter being tried by judge and jury, where the Court sits at the O'Meara Judicial Centre, whether in an in-person or a hybrid trial, the jurors shall be physically present at the O'Meara Judicial Centre, whenever their presence is required.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that in any matter being tried by judge and jury, where the Court sits at No. 271 Naparima-Mayaro Road, Princes Town, whether in an in-person or a hybrid trial, the jurors shall be physically present at No. 271 Naparima-Mayaro Road, Princes Town, whenever their presence is required.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023

/s/ Ivor Archie  
Chief Justice

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## PRACTICE DIRECTIONS

### Requirement to Wear Face Masks at the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago Discontinued

By virtue of the Practice Directions of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago published in the Trinidad and Tobago Gazette, Vol. 59, No. 95, dated Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Bold. No. 701, staff, stakeholders and members of the public have been required:

*"On entry to the Port of Spain and San Fernando Industrial Court buildings, all persons must wear a face mask. Persons without face masks will be denied entry to the buildings. Please note that face masks must be worn at **all** times."*

Practice Directions Vol. 59, No. 95 will no longer be in effect as at 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

**Effective 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023**, face masks are **not** required to be worn on entry to the buildings of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023

/s/ D. THOMAS-FELIX  
President