



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TONGA

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO.2 OF 2011

CHANGE OR WITHDRAWAL OF LAWYER

A. CIVIL JURISDICTION

Counsel are reminded of the provisions of Order 43 Rules 1 and 2.

Where a replacement lawyer is appointed, following withdrawal of the previous lawyer, the replacement will not become effective until a Form 22 notice is filed.

Where a Form 22 notice has not yet been filed, an application to withdraw may be allowed by the Court following a request, either oral or written.

B. CRIMINAL JURISDICTION

The withdrawal of counsel without formal notice is causing inconvenience and may be contrary to the requirements of justice.

Henceforth, counsel withdrawing from representing accused persons should file and serve a notice of withdrawal similar to Form 22.


M.D. SCOTT
CHIEF JUSTICE



10 June 2011.