

**COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
COURT OF APPEAL**

PRACTICE DIRECTIONS – NO. 1 OF 1996

SKELETON ARGUMENTS IN THE COURT OF APPEAL

The submission of skeleton arguments prior to the hearing of an appeal is hereby made compulsory in every appeal or application in the Court of Appeal. No counsel should seek to commence argument at bar without compliance with this direction.

Since the purpose of skeleton arguments is to acquaint the judges of the Court and opposing Counsel with the nature of the intended points of argument on both sides, the following direction is given:

Skeleton arguments for the appellant must be lodged with the Court and delivered to the other side at least 4 day before the date of hearing fixed in the cause list or otherwise notified by the Registrar. This direction applies mutatis mutandis to the skeleton arguments for the respondent, save that the applicable period for lodgment and delivery is 2 days before the date of hearing.

Signed
J. GONSALVES-SABOLA
President of the Court of Appeal