Commonwealth of The Bahamas
In the Court of Appeal
Practice Direction No. 3 of 2025

Non-Compliance with the period specified in any order or direction of the Court for the filing of written submissions will require a formal extension of time application to be made pursuant to Rule 9(1)(b) of the Court of Appeal Rules, 2005

This Practice Direction takes effect immediately and is without prejudice to Practice Direction No. 2 of 2025 which remains in full force and effect.

The Direction is intended to address the recurring problem of non-compliance with the period(s) or deadlines specified in any order or direction of the Court for the filing of written submissions or for the doing of anything to which an appeal or application relates; and which invariably leads to unnecessary adjournments and wasted judicial time.

It need hardly be said that whenever the Court makes an order or gives directions specifying a period for the filing of written submissions by the parties to an appeal or application; or for the doing of anything to which an appeal or application relates, the parties to the appeal or application are expected to strictly comply with the Court's orders or directions.

Accordingly, where a party fails, or is unable to comply with the deadline(s) imposed by the Court, a formal application for an extension of time to comply with the Court's order or direction will now be required to be made pursuant to Rule 9(1)(b) of the Court of Appeal Rules by filing a Notice of Motion and supporting Affidavit, outlining the reason(s) an extension is being requested. The application will be listed for hearing before the panel with carriage of the appeal or application.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Milton A. Evans
President of the Court of Appeal
1st October, 2025