

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL

PRACTICE NOTE – NO. 2 of 1997

SKELETON ARGUMENTS IN THE COURT OF APPEAL

The attention of all counsel is drawn to Practice Direction No. 1 of 1996 which made compulsory the submission of skeleton arguments in every appeal or application in the Court of Appeal.

The third paragraph of that PRACTICE DIRECTION, with which scrupulous compliance is also compulsory, reads as follows:

“Skeleton arguments for the appellant must be lodged with the Court and delivered to the other side at least 4 days 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 respondent, save that the applicable period for lodgment and delivery is 2 days before the date of hearing.”

The time limits of 4 days and 2 days have been underlined in order to draw special attention and to give emphasis to them. They must be observed by all counsel.

Sir Joaquim Gonsalves-Sabola
President of the Court of Appeal
April 3, 1997