

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 1 OF 2014

FORM OF CITATION FOR UNREPORTED JUDGMENTS HANDED DOWN PRIOR TO JANUARY 6, 2012

Since January 6, 2012 a form of neutral citation has been introduced by the Supreme Court of Judicature. This is outlined in the *Supreme Court of Judicature Practice Direction (No. 1 of 2012) Judgments: Form and Citation*. The method of citation for judgments is stated in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.5. of that Practice Direction.

Prior to January 6, 2012 there was no standard form of citation for unreported judgments of the Supreme Court and other Courts of Record. Attempts to cite such judgments in journals, other judgments and the Jamaica Law Reports have resulted in several variations in format:

The citation of all unreported judgments of the Supreme Court and other Courts of Record to which Practice Direction No.1 of 2012 does not apply, should therefore be standardized using the following elements.

- ✓ Names of parties
- ✓ Name of court
- ✓ Name of country
- ✓ Claim Number
- ✓ Date of delivery
- ✓ Use of the word "unreported" in parentheses

1. Identification of country

1.1 Unreported judgments of the Caribbean region as well as other countries are often cited in judgments, and official law reports without proper identification of the country in which the court is located, This omission also applies to endnotes and bibliographies which form part of published articles. To eliminate confusion and to facilitate research, the name of the court and the country from which the judgment emanates should always be included in the citation as follows:

- Insurance Co. Ltd. v. Herman Calvin Jones (unreported), Supreme Court, Jamaica, Claim No. 2010 HCV0325, judgment delivered 20 December 2017

2. Consolidated claims

2.1. Unreported judgments with multiple claims require special treatment, as inclusion of the names of *all* parties would be too lengthy to be included in the citation. The citation should therefore state the names of parties in the first claim only. The format to be used for citation of unreported judgments *with* consolidated claims, therefore, should be as follows:

- Jones (Henry) v. Commercial Printing Works Ltd. *and others* [Consolidated claims] (unreported), Supreme Court Jamaica, Claim No. 2008HCV0457, judgment delivered 9 June 2019

Conclusion

These changes are intended to expedite research and conserve time and costs. Comments and suggestions for improvement may be addressed to the Hon. Chief Justice, Chief Justice's Chambers, Public Buildings East, King St, Kingston

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Chief Justice
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