Rules of the District Court (Amendment) Rules 2008

The Rules of the District Court (Cap. 336H)

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Order 8 – ORIGINATING AND OTHER MOTIONS: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Rule 19 Rec 11-16

1. Application (O. 8, r. 1)

The provisions of this Order apply to all motions required or authorized under a written law, subject to any provisions relating to any class of motion made by that written law or any other written law.

2. Notice of motion (O. 8, r. 2)

- (1) Except where an application by motion may properly be made exparte, no motion shall be made without previous notice to the parties affected thereby, but the Court, if satisfied that the delay caused by proceeding in the ordinary way would or might entail irreparable or serious mischief, may make an order exparte
 - (a) on such terms as to costs or otherwise; and
 - (b) subject to such undertaking, if any, as it thinks just.
- (2) Any party affected by an order made under paragraph (1) may apply to the Court to set it aside.
- (3) Unless the Court gives leave to the contrary, there must be at least 2 clear days between the service of notice of a motion and the day named in the notice for hearing the motion.
- 3. Form and issue of notice of motion (O. 8, r. 3)
- (1) The notice of an originating motion must be in Form No. 13 in Appendix A and the notice of any other motion in Form No. 38 in that Appendix.
- (2) Where leave has been given under rule 2(3) to serve short notice of motion, that fact must be stated in the notice.
- (3) The notice of a motion must include a concise statement of the nature of the claim made or the relief or remedy required.
- (4) Order 6, rule 5, with the necessary modifications, applies in relation

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to notice of an originating motion as it applies in relation to a writ.

- (5) The notice of an originating motion by which proceedings are begun must be issued out of the Registry.
- (6) Issue of the notice of an originating motion takes place upon its being sealed by an officer of the Registry.
- 4. Service of notice of motion with writ, etc. (O. 8, r. 4)

Notice of a motion to be made in an action may be served by the plaintiff on the defendant with the writ of summons or originating summons or at any time after service of the writ or summons, whether or not the defendant has acknowledged service in the action.

5. Adjournment of hearing (O. 8, r. 5)

The hearing of any motion may be adjourned from time to time on such terms, if any, as the Court thinks fit.