

PRACTICE DIRECTION ON PRESENTATION OF BOTH ORAL AND WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS AND ARGUMENTS IN THE SUPREME COURT

Pursuant to the powers conferred on the Chief Justice by Article 133 (1) of the Constitution of Uganda and in conformity with Supreme Court Rules, this Practice Direction is made to regulate the presentation of oral and written submissions or arguments in the Supreme Court, as follows:

1. Oral and written submissions or arguments by any party in support of or in opposition to any constitutional, criminal or civil application or appeal shall be precise, relevant, and in conformity with the Rules of this Court.
2. Except with Leave of the Court:
 - (a) Presentation of oral submissions or arguments by any party in support of or in opposition to any constitutional, criminal or civil appeal shall not exceed forty-five minutes.
 - (b) An oral rejoinder by an appellant in any appeal shall not exceed ten minutes.
3. Except with Leave of the Court:
 - (a) Presentation of oral submissions or arguments by any party in support of or in opposition to any constitutional, criminal or civil application shall not exceed twenty minutes.
 - (b) An oral rejoinder by an applicant in any constitutional, criminal or civil application shall not exceed five minutes.
4. (a) Presentation of written submissions or arguments by any party

in support of or in opposition to any constitutional, criminal or civil appeal shall not exceed ten pages, typed in double spacing.

(b) A written rejoinder by an appellant in any constitutional, criminal or civil appeal shall not exceed three pages, typed in double spacing.

5. (a) Presentation of written submissions or arguments by any party in support of or in opposition to any constitutional, criminal or civil application shall not exceed five pages, typed in double spacing.

(b) A written rejoinder by an applicant in any constitutional, criminal or civil application shall not exceed three pages, typed in double spacing.

6. As provided by Rules 63 and 93 of the Supreme Court Rules, no party who has lodged written submissions or arguments in support of or in opposition to any constitutional, criminal or civil application or appeal shall, except with leave of the Court or on the Court's own motion, address the Court at the hearing of an appeal or application.

7. Except with leave of the Court, no party supporting or opposing any constitutional, criminal or civil appeal or application shall cite to the Court more than two authorities on any issue.

This Practice Direction is issued this 13th day of April 2005.



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CHIEF JUSTICE

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