

## APPENDIX B

Para. 64(1)

### WAITING PERIODS

S/N	TYPE OF PROCEEDINGS	Target
<b>Pre-trial conferences</b>		
1.	Pre-Trial Conferences in Suits:	
(a)	Where the writ has not been served.	6 weeks from the date of commencement of writ
(b)	Where the writ has been served or memorandum of appearance has been entered.	8 weeks from the date of service of writ/memorandum of appearance
<b>High Court – Original Civil Jurisdiction</b>		
2.	Trials in Suits	8 weeks from the date of setting down
3.	Bankruptcy Originating Summonses	
-	Application for bankruptcy order	6 weeks from the date of filing
-	Other originating summonses	2 weeks from the date of filing
4.	Companies Winding-Up Originating Summonses	4 weeks from the date of filing
<b>Before Registrar / Judge</b>		
5.	Originating Summons	
(a)	<i>Inter Partes</i> Originating Summons	6 weeks from the date of filing
(b)	<i>Ex parte</i> Originating Summons	3 weeks from the date of filing

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| 6. Summons before Judge and Registrar other than applications for summary judgment | 3 weeks from the date of filing   |
| 7. Applications for summary judgment pursuant to Order 14                          | 5 weeks from the date of filing (statutory minimum period)                            |
| 8. Bankruptcy Applications (summonses)   |   |
| - Application for Discharge  | 4 weeks from the date of filing   |
| - Other applications   | 2 weeks from the date of filing   |
| 9. Taxation: General bills   | 3 weeks from the date of filing   |
| 10. Review of Taxation before Judges   | 3 weeks from the date of filing   |
| 11. Assessment of Damages  | 3 weeks from the date of filing<br>[Includes time taken to subpoena witness to court] |
| 12. Examination of Judgment Debtors  | 3 weeks from the date of filing of request* for hearing date                          |

### **High Court – Appellate Civil Jurisdiction**

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| 13. Registrar's Appeals (from High Court) | 4 weeks from the date of filing for appeals involving assessment of damages |
|   | 3 weeks from the date of filing for other appeals                           |

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**\* Formerly known as “praecipe”.**

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| 14. Appeals in civil matters from the State Courts (District Court Appeals and Small Claims Tribunals Appeals) | 4 weeks from the of receipt of the record of proceedings from the State Courts |
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### **High Court – Criminal Jurisdiction**

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| 15. Pre-trial conference in Criminal Cases                                   | 12 weeks from date accused is first charged in the State Courts  |
| 16. Trials of Criminal Cases   | 6 weeks from date of the final Criminal Case Disclosure Conference or Pre-trial Conference before trial (whichever is later) |
| 17. Appeals in criminal matters from the State Courts (Magistrate's Appeals) | 12 weeks from the date of receipt of the record of proceedings   |

### **Court of Appeal**

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| 18. Civil Appeals    | Appeals before 3 or more Judges:<br>Ready to be heard in 19 weeks from date of Notification to collect Records of Proceedings* |
|                      | Appeals before 2 Judges:<br>Ready to be heard in 15 weeks from date of Notification to collect Records of Proceedings          |
| 19. Criminal Appeals | 15 weeks after the week of receipt of the last confirmation of the Record of Proceedings                                       |

\* Counsel should note that in appropriate appeals, including appeals of public importance or jurisprudential significance, the time period may be extended to 25 weeks from date of Notification to collect Records of Proceedings.