



**CIRCULAR TO ALL CHAMBERS**

9 September 2021

Circ. 12 of 2021

**Opening of the Legal Year 2021**

The Chief Justice has directed that I inform you that he intends to host the ceremonial Opening of the Legal Year on Friday 1 October 2021.

The number of persons present in the courtroom, although double the number present last year, will remain severely restricted given the prevalence of Covid-19 in the community.

The Chief Justice regrets that, once again, he will be unable to extend invitations to all members of the legal profession and other guests who in various ways support the administration of justice. Invitations will issue to a reduced number of members of the legal profession in what he hopes will be a fair representation of firms and seniority, with an emphasis on those who appear in the Supreme Court regularly.

This year there will be a procession with a reduced guard of honour and a small reception in the gardens following the ceremony.

Attendees are to take note of the following:

- Social distancing will be observed and masks worn.
- Speakers can remove their masks when addressing the Court.
- Members of the legal profession are to be fully robed.
- Attendees to the ceremony should be fully vaccinated with two doses or have had a negative Covid test within the previous 24 hours.

Also, please note that our Registry counters will close at 11.30am on the day.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H Cumbo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**H Cumbo (Ms)  
Chief Executive**