

**PRACTICE NOTE NO 1/2020
MEMORANDUM OF REASONS**

- 1.1. This practice note is made with the concurrence of the President and Judges of Appeal.
- 1.2. The court is cognisant of the ever-increasing number of matters being filed as well as the need to dispose of these matters in a timely and efficient manner. In an effort to increase the speed and efficiency with which matters are determined, the court will, in cases it deems appropriate, issue a brief memorandum of reasons in lieu of an oral or full written judgment.
- 1.3. The memorandum of reasons will be a brief statement of the reasons for which the court made its decision. This statement, which will be endorsed on the court's record, will be issued by the registrar by way of a notice and made available to the parties to the matter as well as to the court or tribunal below.
- 1.4. Given its nature, the court's memorandum of reasons is not intended to carry any weight as a precedent, save in respect of the actual order which was made in the particular matter to which it relates. Accordingly, memoranda of reasons will not be published as judgments or generally circulated.
- 1.5. The court intends to keep this matter under close review with a view to making adjustments/improvements where needed. To this end, suggestions from members of the profession will be welcome and will naturally be given careful consideration.



**C Dennis Morrison, OJ, CD
President of the Court of Appeal
30 November 2020**