



In the ~~Supreme~~ Court of Bermuda

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4th April 2025

CIRCULAR NO. 8 OF 2025

TO ALL ATTORNEYS

RE: JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS PROTOCOL FOR BERMUDA

It is my pleasure, along with Sir Christopher Clarke, President of the Court of Appeal and Chair of the JLSC, to issue the Judicial Complaints Protocol for Bermuda (Revised 4 April 2025). The Protocol is effective 4 April 2025.

The revision process has been underway for over a year now (since the Court of Appeal case of *Junos v HE the Governor*) with many rounds of consultation involving the members of the JLSC, the Court of Appeal, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Registrars and the Magistrates.

The aim of the revision exercise was to bring the Protocol into line with the findings of the Court of Appeal in *Junos*, the main point being that the JLSC acts in an advisory capacity to the Governor. Other principal changes included setting out who can sit on Filtering Committees, the various ways in which a successful complaint may be dealt with and the introduction of an appeal procedure in relation to complaints determined by the Chief Justice or the President; but not those determined by the Governor, who under the Constitution has the final say in relation to members below the level of the Supreme Court. The Protocol will be posted on the Judiciary website at: <https://www.gov.bm/departments/judiciary>

The JLSC will now set about addressing the existing complaints. Once the JLSC has worked through that list, it will be able to deal with complaints in a timely manner once submitted.

Dated the 4th day of April 2025



The Hon. Mr. Larry Mussenden
CHIEF JUSTICE

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Department of Public Prosecutions
Hamilton Police Station
Commissioner of Police
Commissioner of Corrections
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