

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TONGA

PRACTICE DIRECTION 1 OF 2011

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REFERENCING APPEAL FILES

At present, appeal files, whether from the Magistrates' Court to the Supreme Court, or from the Supreme Court to the Court of Appeal usually only bear the number of the appellate court.

The same is usually the case for judgments and rulings.

This arrangement can lead to confusion and delay. It also makes research, for law reporting and other purposes, more difficult.

Henceforth, all notices of appeal and appeal files should also bear the number of the lower court file from which an appeal is being brought e.g.


AC 123 of 2011
(LA 456 of 2010)

or:

AM 123 of 2011
(Vava'u MC 456/10)

As heretofore, notices of appeal will continue to be filed with the appeal number left blank, for completion by Registry staff.

It will be helpful if Judgments and other rulings are referenced in the same way.


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M.D. Scott
CHIEF JUSTICE

Nuku'alofa: 7 February 2011