



**DIRECTIVES BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
AND THE JUDGE PRESIDENT OF THE HIGH COURT
REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR A CERTIFICATE
OF AUTHORIZATION TO ACT IN NAMIBIA
PURSUANT TO SECTION 85(2) OF THE
LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ACT, 1995**

- 1 Subject to paragraph 3 and save in the instance of applications set down as a matter of urgency in a court, a lawyer seeking a certificate in terms of section 85(2) of the Legal Practitioners Act, 1995, (No. 15 of 1995), must lodge application for such certificate with the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court not less than 14 court days prior to the hearing of the matter in relation to which the certificate is sought.

2. The application must be on affidavit and must briefly and succinctly set forth the following information:
 - 2.1 The particulars of the parties to and the case number of the proceedings;

 - 2.2 The date of the hearing of the matter and the court in which the matter will be called;

 - 2.3 Legal practitioners of record;

 - 2.4 The facts and circumstances on which the applicant relies for the contention that the no-resident lawyer has special expertise relating

to the matter and that it is fair and reasonable for a litigant in the proceedings to obtain the services of such lawyer;

- 2.5 The full names, identity number, address of practice or employment and such qualifications of the lawyer in respect of whom the certificate is sought;
 - 2.6 Proof that the lawyer in question has been admitted and authorized to practice law in another country;
 - 2.7 A certificate of good standing from the Registrar (or a person similarly positioned) of a court in such other country where the lawyer is admitted to practice or a statutory professional body of which the lawyer is a member.
3. Where such application is made out of time, the applicant must file an affidavit furnishing reasons why the application could not be lodged within the prescribed time.
 4. All applications shall be addressed to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or in his absence to the Judge-President of the High Court.
 5. These Directives come into operation on 2 April 2012.
 6. Supreme Court Practice Direction No. 1 of 2005 is hereby withdrawn



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CHIEF JUSTICE



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DATE

12 March 2012