IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BERMUDA

CIRCULAR NOTICE

ISSUED BY THE REGISTRAR

Ref. A/50

Friday 21 October 2016

CIRCULAR No. 22 of 2016

Toxic Mold Contamination at Registry

1. Following Circular 21 of 2016 wherein it was confirmed that the Registry of the Supreme Court located on 113 Front Street was tested positive for the presence of toxic molds, it has been determined that the said location shall be closed from public access with immediate effect.

2. This building closure necessarily includes Supreme Court #3 also located on 113 Front Street.

3. Effective Tuesday 25 October 2016, the new temporary location of the Registry will be in the Dame Lois Browne Evans Building (DLBE) on the 3rd floor where the Supreme Court Family Division is currently located.

4. For urgent filings on Monday 24 October 2016 Counsel and members of the public should contact the Assistant Registrar directly by email at rsbarritt@gov.bm.

5. The operation of Commercial Courts 1 and 2 shall be unaffected by the relocation of the Registry. All matters fixed shall proceed.

6. The operation of the Supreme Court in its Family Jurisdiction shall also be unaffected by the relocation of the Registry. All matters fixed shall proceed.

7. All criminal matters shall proceed in Sessions House in Supreme Court #1 until further notice. The Supreme Court #3 matters which were fixed for Friday 21 October 2016 and Monday 24 October 2016 will proceed on Tuesday 25 October 2016 in Supreme Court #1 at Sessions House at the same time as originally listed.

8. All files currently located at 113 Front Street shall remain in that location pending a mold decontamination process. This will necessarily impact on the general administration of the Registry and the Judiciary. However, the health and safety of Registry staff and members of the public is of priority.

9. The continued understanding and patience of members of the Bermuda Bar Association and the general public will be required.

Dated this 21st day of October 2016

Shade Subair Williams
REGISTRAR