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## RE: LEGAL AID APPELLANTS IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

Counsel who file Notices of Appeal ("Notices") against decisions from the Supreme Court in its original jurisdiction in respect of criminal matters, must file a copy of the Legal Aid Certificate ("Certificate") in support of their filings. It has been noted that Notices are filed with the absence of the correct revenue stamps. Where there is no Certificate filed with the respective Notice to substantiate that an appellant is legally aided, Counsel will be expected to affix the appropriate revenue stamps in accordance with the Rules of Court.

Furthermore, where a Certificate has been transferred from one Counsel to another, the new Counsel shall file a Notice of Change of Attorney with the Court in addition to the Certificate indicating the new Counsel's name.

REGISTRAR

CC: The Attorney-General's Chambers

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

Legal Aid Office

President, Bermuda Bar Council