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**9<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

### **COMMUNIQUE- BAIL CASES AND COURT BUSINESS AS FROM 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

Dear Friends,

- i. The Council has been informed that bail motions at the BRC will henceforth be heard online. However Counsel will have to attend District Courts in person for Bail hearings.
- ii. We have also been informed that as from 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021, undefended cases in which no Counsel appear and where Counsel are prepared to take their cases will be maintained and heard by the Court. You were informed about representations made to the Honorable Chief Justice and to the other relevant authorities explaining the difficulties that Barristers are facing since they are not able to attend their offices to gather their files and/or meet their clients in the absence of WAPs.
- iii. The Council has further been informed that Counsel who have cases scheduled for trial as from the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 should inform Court beforehand by email/fax if they will be facing difficulties to conduct their cases. Consequently, it is understood that these cases will be postponed.
- iv. All Counsel are requested to regularly check the cause lists on the website of the Supreme Court.
- v. Lastly, we are informing you that further representations have been made to the relevant authorities for Barristers to be able to get their WAPs as soon as possible to be able to attend their respective offices and resume their professional activities.

Stay Safe.

Yours faithfully,

**Mayuri D. Bunwaree-Ramlackhan**  
**Secretary of the Bar Council**