

**IN THE SUBORDINATE COURTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

**REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO. 3 OF 2006**

**CHANGES TO THE MODES OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS:  
PHASE 2**

**LEGISLATIVE CHANGES**

The Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Act 2005 was passed by Parliament on 21 November 2005 and assented to by the President on 7 December 2005. Under this Act, several statutes have been amended to reduce the number of modes of commencement of proceedings from four to two. Consequential changes have also been made to the relevant subsidiary legislation. The first phase of these statutory amendments commenced on 1 January 2006. The second phase will be operative on 1 April 2006 and affects matrimonial proceedings under Part X of the Women's Charter ("Phase 2 proceedings"). Solicitors may refer to articles and other materials concerning these amendments on the Family Court website at <http://www.familycourtofsingapore.gov.sg>.

**MODIFICATION TO THE ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM**

2. Certain modules within the Electronic Filing System (EFS) will be shut down between Friday, 31 March 2006, 11.59 pm and Sunday, 2 April 2006, 8 pm, in order to implement the necessary technical modifications to the EFS. During this period, *solicitors will not be able to file any documents through the EFS relating to Phase 2 proceedings*. Other documents not relating to Phase 2 proceedings may continue to be filed through the EFS.

3. The Registry of the Subordinate Courts will be open from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Saturday, 1 April 2006. Solicitors with urgent applications relating to Phase 2 proceedings may see the Duty Registrar for leave to file hard copies of the relevant documents upon undertaking to file them electronically subsequently. Where necessary, a request to backdate the documents to 1 April 2006 should be made when the documents are filed

electronically. Manual filing of documents will not be processed after 12.30 p.m. on Saturday, 1 April 2006.

**CRIMSONLOGIC HELPDESK**

4. The hotline **6887 7888** manned by CrimsonLogic Pte Ltd's Helpdesk will continue to answer all queries concerning filing procedure in EFS and other technical difficulties arising from the legislative changes. In keeping with the current practice, no legal advice will be provided.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2006.



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