

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

**REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO. 5 OF 2011**

**NIGHT COURT SESSIONS AT THE FAMILY COURT EVERY TUESDAY,  
WEF 1 NOVEMBER 2011**

With effect from 1 November 2011, the Family Court of the Subordinate Courts of Singapore will introduce weekly night court sessions every Tuesday evening (from 6 pm) to further enhance accessibility to court users.

2 These night court sessions at the Family and Juvenile Court Building (3 Havelock Square) will make it more convenient for the working public who would otherwise have to take time off from work to attend court and those, who are unable to attend day court.

3 The Family Night Court will deal with cases, where parties have applied for fresh maintenance or variation of existing maintenance orders (for wife in a valid subsisting marriage and for children under Part VIII of the Women's Charter). The Family Night Court is a 'mentions' court, in that it will provide directions on the conduct of the case. This includes directions for the exchange of relevant information on the case and for a hearing date to be given in the day trial court. Parties will be given the opportunity to resolve their cases amicably through mediation on the same day before their scheduled night court mentions.

4 Cases involving mediation will start earlier at 5 pm. If parties are unable to resolve their cases through mediation, the case will be sent to the Family Night Court the same evening to provide directions to the parties, so that the case can be heard in the day trial courts without undue delay.

5 The Family Court of the Subordinate Courts of Singapore seeks to preserve and strengthen family ties by providing an effective and accessible system of justice that inspires public trust and confidence. The services of the Family Court have expanded over the years to include a variety of processes for the timely resolution of disputes. Mediation and counselling, where appropriate, offer parties an alternative way to resolve their marital and family disputes amicably.

Dated 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 2011.



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