

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION NO 3 OF 2022: SUSPENSION OF JURY TRIALS**

**This Practice Direction is issued by the Honourable Chief Justice and applies to the Home Circuit Superior Criminal Courts of Trial**

**AND**

**the Rural Circuit Superior Criminal Courts of Trial.**

### **GENERAL**

- 1.** This Practice Direction comes into effect on Friday, January 28, 2022.
- 2.** The Home Circuit Superior Criminal Courts of Trial ('HCSCCT') comprises the Supreme Court of Judicature (Criminal Division), the Circuit Court Division of the Gun Court, and the High Court Division of the Gun Court sitting at the Supreme Court of Judicature, Public Building East, King Street, Kingston.
- 3.** The Rural Circuit Superior Criminal Courts of Trial ('RCSCCT') comprises the Supreme Court of Judicature (Criminal Division), the Western Regional Gun Court, the Circuit Court Division of the Gun Court, the High Court Division of the Gun Court sitting in any parish other than the parishes of Kingston and St. Andrew.
- 4.** The 'Health Guidelines Governing Access to all the Courts of Jamaica' dated May 27, 2020, except paragraph 10 continue to apply.

### **JURY TRIALS IN THE HCSCCT**

- 5.** Jurors summoned from the parishes of Kingston and St. Andrew for the period **January 28, 2022, to February 18, 2022, ARE NOT** required to attend and are excused without any risk of penalty.

### **JURY TRIALS IN THE RCSCCT**

**JURY TRIALS - ST. CATHERINE AND CLARENDON**

6. Jurors summoned from the parishes of St. Catherine and Clarendon for the period **January 31, 2022, to February 18, 2022, ARE NOT** required to attend and are excused without any risk of penalty.

**JURY TRIALS - WESTMORELAND, PORTLAND, TRELAWNY**

7. Jurors summoned from the parishes of Westmoreland, Portland, and Trelawny for the period **February 14, 2022, to March 11, 2022, ARE NOT** required to attend and are excused without any risk of penalty.

**JURY TRIALS - MANCHESTER**

8. Jurors summoned from the parish of Manchester for the period **February 21, 2022, to March 11, 2022, ARE NOT** required to attend and are excused without any risk of penalty

**TRIALS GENERALLY**

9. In the absence of jury trials, the emphasis will be on agreed and prescribed bench trials.

**DATED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2022**



**BRYAN SYKES OJ, CD  
CHIEF JUSTICE**