

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO 9 OF 2021:

SUSPENSION OF JURY TRIALS

RURAL CIRCUIT SUPERIOR CRIMINAL COURTS OF TRIAL – ST CATHERINE

This Practice Direction is issued by the Honourable Chief Justice and applies to the Rural Circuit Superior Criminal Courts of Trial - St. Catherine

GENERAL

1. This Practice Direction comes into effect on Monday, March 8, 2021 and will continue in effect until revoked or amended.
2. This Practice Direction applies only to those criminal courts of the Rural Circuit Superior Criminal Courts of Trial ('RCSCCT') in the parish of St. Catherine, in which a jury may be empaneled for the trial of any matter.
3. The 'Health Guidelines Governing Access to all the Courts of Jamaica' dated May 27, 2020 except paragraph 10 continue to apply.

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4. Practice Direction No. 7 of 2021, dated 14th February, 2021, dealing with the Resumption of Jury Trials in the RCSCCT is amended in so far as it relates to the resumption of jury trials in the parish of St. Catherine.
5. Jury trials are suspended in the RCSCCT for the parish of St. Catherine, until further notice.
6. Jurors summoned for the period **February 15, 2021 to March 5, 2021** and the period **March 8, 2021 to March 26, 2021 ARE NOT** required to attend and are excused without any risk of penalty.

DATED THIS 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021



BRYAN SYKES OJ, CD

CHIEF JUSTICE