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**THE GRAND COURT (AMENDMENT) LAW, 1985  
(LAW 12 OF 1985)**



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I Assent

**G.P. LLOYD**

Governor

19th June, 1985

**A LAW TO AMEND THE GRAND COURT LAW  
(LAW 8 OF 1975)**

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Grand Court (Amendment) Law, 1985.

Amendment of s. 9.

2. The Grand Court Law, in this Law referred to as the principal Law, is amended by inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (2) of section 9 -

“(3) A person appointed as a marshal under subsection (1) shall, in addition to the powers and duties conferred or to be performed by him as directed by the Judge or as may be provided by any Rules have, -

- (a) the power to administer oaths to witnesses and jurors in all matters before the Court or in connection with any proceedings pending before the Court;
- (b) within the precincts of the Court and on the order or direction of the Judge, the power without warrant to take into custody and detain any person until the rising of the Court;
- (c) all the powers and immunities of a bailiff appointed under that subsection.”.

3. The principal Law is amended by substituting the following new section for section 21 -

“Rules Committee and Rules of Court. 21.(1) There shall be a Rules Committee, which shall consist of -

- (a) the Chief Justice, who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) the Attorney-General; and
- (c) two persons who are entitled to practice as legal practitioners before the Court, who shall be appointed by the Chief Justice after consultation with the Cayman Islands Law Society.

(2) At a meeting of the Rules Committee, the Chief Justice and one other member shall constitute a quorum.

(3) The Rules Committee may, subject to the provisions of this Law and of any other law, make rules, to be called Rules of Court, for all or any of the following purposes -

- (a) regulating pleading, practice and procedure in respect of the conduct of criminal business and of civil business before the Court in relation to all matters within the jurisdiction of the court, whether original or appellate in nature;
- (b) prescribing forms to be used in any proceedings before the Court;
- (c) subject to subsection (4), prescribing fees of the Court;
- (d) prescribing the fees and costs of legal practitioners in contentious matters, and regulating their taxation;
- (e) prescribing duties of officers of the Court;
- (f) prescribing books and accounts to be kept by officers of the court;
- (g) regulating the powers of notaries public and persons authorised to administer oaths;
- (h) regulating the taking, giving and admission of evidence;
- (i) regulating the reference to arbitration of matters in dispute;
- (j) generally, providing for such other matters as may be reasonably necessary for or incidental to the administration of this Law.

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(4) A rule of Court prescribed in paragraph (c) of subsection (3) shall not have effect until it has been approved by the Governor in Council.

(5) Rules made under subsection (3) may -

- (a) apply any Rules of the Supreme Court in England which regulate the practice and procedure in the High Court of England;
- (b) provide that any such Rules shall apply as they are from time to time applicable in England by reason of the repeal, amendment or substitution of any such Rules there;
- (c) revoke, replace or amend any rules made or prescribed under the provisions of the Judicature Law.”.

(6) No rules of Court made under this section shall come into force until they have been published in the Gazette.

Passed the Legislative Assembly this 22nd day of May, 1985.

**G.P. LLOYD**  
President.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.