Supreme and District Courts Criminal Directions Benchbook Update Notes – 9 April 2025

1. Chapter 23 – General Summing Up Directions

- Replace entire chapter 23 with attached updated chapter 23.

2. Chapter 31 – The Rule in Jones v Dunkel

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3. Chapter 33 – Alternative Charges

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4. Chapter 42 – Good Character/Bad Character

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5. Chapter 50 – Flight and other Post Offence Conduct as Demonstrating Consciousness of Guilt

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6. Chapter 81 – Extraordinary Emergencies: s 25

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7. Chapter 121 – Child stealing: s 363

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8. Chapter 128 – Damaging Evidence with Intent: s 129

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9. Chapter 178 – Stalking (repealed)

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10. Chapter 203 - People Smuggling

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