

# Practice Directions - No. 31 of 1999

## Criminal Jurisdiction: Remittal to District Court

The following direction applies:

1. where a person has been committed for trial or sentence to the Supreme Court, and
2. where a person has been indicted in the Supreme Court,

and the only charges awaiting trial or sentence fall within the jurisdiction of the District Court.

In all such cases, I am to be taken to have requested a Judge of the District Court to try or sentence the accused person, as the case may require. This request is to be taken as made under s.64(1) of the *District Court Act* 1967.

I direct however that there be reserved, to the Judge in charge of the criminal list of the Supreme Court, a discretion to retain any particular matter in this Court, should reasons of manifest convenience or other considerations warrant taking that course.

(Paul de Jersey)

**Chief Justice**

30 November 1999