

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU



CHIEF JUSTICE'S CHAMBERS

ORDER FOR 2023/2024 COURTS RECESS

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by Rule 18 of the Civil Procedure Rules 2002, I **HEREBY make the following ORDERS:**

1. That the Court Recess for 2023 shall be from Monday 18th December 2023 to Friday 12th January 2024.
2. That this Order shall apply to all courts.
3. That during the recess period, there will be no court sittings, except for cases or matters and/or situations requiring urgent court sittings or hearings and under the conditions set out in paragraph 3 of the Practice Note No.01 of 2015. (See a copy is herewith attached).
4. That subject to (a) below, all Court Registries will remain open and operative during the court recess; and
 - a) The Court Registries shall be closed from Friday 22nd December 2023 to Friday 29th December 2023 and again from Tuesday 2nd January 2024 to Friday 5th January 2024;
 - b) Court cases already listed for hearing (if any) during the recess period shall still be heard unless directed otherwise by the Presiding Judicial Officer.
5. That during the recess period, Duty Judges and Magistrates will be provided only for cases requiring urgent court sittings or hearings and under the conditions set out in paragraph 3 of the Practice Note No.01 of 2015. (Referred to above).
 - (i) Duty Judge can be contacted on 7744066 (Chief Registrar);
 - (ii) Duty Magistrates can be contacted on 7746142 (Assistant Registrar – Magistrate Court).
6. That the Courts shall officially open on Friday 26th January 2024.
7. That this Order comes into force on the date of its signature.

DATED AT PORT VILA THIS 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2023

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HON. OLIVER A. SAKSAK
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

