

JSC Cir. No 307.

To all District Judges, Magistrates and Primary Court Judges.

Acting Panel of Lawyers

Judicial Service Commission has decided to reconstitute the acting panel of lawyers in courts through out the Island and to adhere to the following procedures accordingly.

- 1) Acting panels functioning in all courts through out the Island will be dissolved with effect from 31/12/2007.
- 2) The acting panel which will be in force from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 shall be the one which is approved by the commission to be in force from the said date.
- 3) The term of appointment to the approved acting panel by the Judicial service Commission will be limited to a maximum period of one year.
- 4) The approval of the Judicial service Commission for an acting panel in a particular court shall be granted on the recommendation of the judicial officer of that court & who shall bear the responsibility with regard to the suitability & willingness of nominating attorneys for the acting duty.
- 5) Seniority, goodwill, ability to function independently, residing in the jurisdictional area & possibility to place in service when necessary should be considered when the recommendation is made.
- 6) An affidavit should be obtained from the Attorney at Law who wish to engage in acting duty stating that he will not engage in professional duties, meet clients & charge fees on the days of acting as District Judge / Magistrate or Judge of the Primary Court.
- 7) Steps should be taken to forward under mentioned particulars on or before 31 August 2007 in order to obtain approval for the acting panels to be in force from 1 January 2007.
  - a) List of names of Attorneys at Law who are engaged in full time practice in your court.(according to seniority together with the date of enrolment as an Attorney at Law.)
  - b) Names & addresses of the Attorneys at Law who are residing in the area of the territorial jurisdiction of the Court.
  - c) Names & addresses of the Attorneys at Law who have intimated their willingness to be included in to the acting panel.
  - d) Names & addresses of the Attorneys at Law whom you recommend.

12 June 2007  
Colombo 12  
In the office of the Judicial Service Commission.

**Sig: P. W. D. C. Jayathilaka**  
The Secretary  
Judicial Service Commission