Practice Note September 2023

Lord Reed, as Chairman of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (JCPC), has issued the following practice note:

Pursuant to the Constitution of Saint Lucia (Amendment) Act 2023, the jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in relation to appeals from Saint Lucia is ended, with effect from 20 July 2023. As a result, it is necessary to re—issue JCPC Practice Direction 1 to reflect the fact that the JCPC will no longer receive cases from Saint Lucia.

Other than removing references to Saint Lucia, there are no substantive changes to the Practice Direction.

In accordance with the transitional provisions of the Constitution of Saint Lucia (Amendment) Act 2023, cases from Saint Lucia that were pending before His Majesty in Council on 20 July 2023 will remain in the JCPC until they conclude, unless transferred to the Caribbean Court of Justice with the consent of all parties.

The JCPC PDs can be found here.