



GRAND COURT PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 2 OF 2025

(GCR O.1, r.12)

ADMISSION OF ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW PRACTICING CAYMAN ISLANDS LAW OVERSEAS REMOTE APPEARANCE, SWEARING AND ELECTRONIC ROLL

1. Scope and application

This Practice Direction applies to applications for admission to practice as an attorney-at-law made by motion to the Court pursuant to **sections 34 of the Legal Services Act, 2020** (the "Act") by a person who practices Cayman Islands law in another jurisdiction through an affiliate.¹

This Practice Direction governs matters of practice and procedure only and does not alter the substantive requirements for admission prescribed by the Act.

2. Remote appearance on admission

In an appropriate case, the Court may permit an applicant for admission to appear by live audio-visual link rather than in person.

Without limiting the generality of the forgoing paragraph, permission may be granted where the Court is satisfied that the applicant proposes to practice Cayman law outside the Cayman Islands through an affiliate of a recognised law entity.

The decision whether to permit a remote appearance remains in all cases within the discretion of the Court.

3. Administration of oath or affirmation

Where a remote appearance is permitted under paragraph 2, any oath or affirmation required for admission may be administered **by live audio-visual link** by the Clerk of Court ("Clerk")

An oath or affirmation administered pursuant to paragraph 3.1 shall be deemed, for all purposes, to have been duly sworn or affirmed before the Clerk.

¹ "Affiliate", in respect of a law firm, means a person engaged in the practice of Cayman Islands law in another jurisdiction which:

- (a) is trading under a name that is the same as, or similar to, or a derivative of, the name of the law firm;
- (b) is associated with the law firm; or
- (c) is a subsidiary of the law firm.

The Clerk may require such evidence as the Clerk considers necessary to verify the identity of the applicant before administering the oath or affirmation.

4. Electronic execution of the Roll

Where an applicant is admitted following a remote appearance permitted by this Practice Direction, the applicant may sign the Roll:

(a) electronically; or

(b) by such other electronic means of authentication as may be approved by the Court.

An electronic signature or authentication applied in accordance with paragraph 4.1 shall have the same legal effect as a handwritten signature on the physical Roll.

5. Effect of admission

An admission effected following a procedure permitted by this Practice Direction shall be of the same force and effect as an admission effected pursuant to personal attendance before the Court.

An attorney admitted following a remote appearance shall, **subject to any applicable limitations under the Act and compliance with any applicable immigration or work-permit requirements**, be entitled to practice Cayman Islands law within the Cayman Islands to the same extent as any other attorney admitted to the Roll.

For the avoidance of doubt, the manner in which an attorney appears for the purposes of admission does not affect the status of that attorney as an Attorney-at-Law of the Cayman Islands.

6. Saving

Nothing in this Practice Direction affects:

(a) the jurisdiction of the Court in relation to admission;

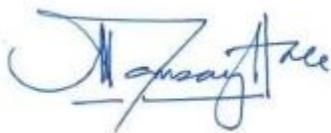
(b) the power of the Court to require personal attendance in any particular case; or

(c) the operation of any statutory or regulatory provision governing the right to practice law in the Cayman Islands.

7. Effective Date

This Practice Direction shall come into effect on 29 December 2025

Dated this 24 December 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Ramsay-Hale". The signature is stylized and written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Justice Marget Ramsay-Hale

Chief Justice