



REPUBLIC OF MALAWI
IN THE HIGH COURT OF MALAWI
.....REGISTRY
.....CASE NO. OF 20.....

BETWEEN:

.....CLAIMANT

-AND-

.....DEFENDANT

INITIAL DIRECTION

Under Order 5 rule 19 of the Courts (High Court) (Civil Procedure) Rules, 2017 it is ordered as follows:

1. Effective this date, this case is assigned to Honourable Justice.....and to the individual calendar designated below.
2. All future documents filed in this case shall bear the Judge’s name beneath the case number in the caption. On filing any chamber application or document, one copy for the Judge must be delivered to clerk of the Court along with the original.
3. Within 14 days of service, the Claimant shall file proof of service of the summons with the list of documents, this Initial Direction and any other Order issued by the Judge.
4. If the Defendants are not contesting the proceedings but desire to apply for a stay of execution, the Defendants shall file Response within 14 days of service indicating their intention not to contest the proceedings and their intention to apply for a stay of execution.

5. If the Defendants intend to contest the proceedings, the Defendants shall file and serve a defence and a list of documents within 28 days from the date of service of the Summons.
6. Statements of case shall be deemed to be closed on the expiry of 7 days from the date of defence is served or, where subsequent statements of case are served, 7 days from the date of service of the last statement of case.
7. Within 7 days from the closure of statements of case the proceeding shall proceed to mandatory mediation and all parties to this action shall lodge statements as provided for by Order 13 rule 3 of the Court (High Court) (Civil Procedure) Rules, 2017.

Dated this.....day of.....20...

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JUDGE IN CHARGE