



DIFC Courts' Rules Sub-Committee

MEETING MINUTES

23 November 2015 at 3pm

DIFC Courts, Library Meeting Room

Attendees:

Adrian Chadwick, Hadeef & Partners

Ghada Qaisi Audi, Ahmed Seddiqi & Sons

Graham Lovett, Clifford Chance

Philip Punwar, Baker Botts

Patrick Bourke, Norton Rose

Sheila Shadmand, Jones Day

Teresa Starr, Fichte & Co Legal Consulting

Zeeshan Dhar, Al Tamimi & Company

Mark Beer, DIFC Courts

Natasha Bakirci, DIFC Courts

Cheryl Fernandes (Committee Secretary), DIFC Courts

1. **Service on Government Authorities (Centre Bodies)** – DIFCA and DFSA – requirement to first notify Government of Dubai Legal Affairs Department (LAD) for mandatory initial period of 2 months attempted amicable settlement under Dubai Law No. 3 of 1996, as amended by Dubai Law No. 10 of 2005 – Natasha presented this to the RSC members – who agreed the draft order she had prepared incorporating the requirement into the RDC. Patrick Bourke enquired whether this would include judicial review applications under RDC Part 42. Natasha would amend the draft accordingly to exempt judicial review applications and send it to LAD for approval.
2. **Update on published version of RDC Hardcopy, with Philip Punwar's Commentary** – Natasha stated this was underway and should be published with Thomson Reuters early 2016. Mark added that a loose-leaf A5 printed copy of the RDC was to be published with Lexis Nexis early 2016.



3. **Leave to Appeal Amendments** – RDC Part 44 rules being revised by Judge Giles, CJ and Natasha. AJM suggestion to scrap leave to appeal requirement altogether not being pursued. RDC to be revised, notably to introduce pre-requisite for permission to appeal to first be sought from trial judge. This was underway and to be put into public consultation shortly.

4. **Next Meeting Date** – Set for Monday 14 March 2016.