

## **The Dispute Resolution Authority**

### **Practice Direction No. 2 of 2017**

#### **The DIFC Wills and Probate Registry (WPR) Rules**

##### **Citation, commencement and interpretation**

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Article 8 section (3) (a) of Dubai Law No. 9 of 2004, as amended, and Rules 4 and 7 of the DIFC WPR Rules, I, Chief Justice Michael Hwang, Head of the DIFC Dispute Resolution Authority, issue the following Practice Direction (PD) after having reviewed the DIFC WPR Rules, including, but not limited to, Rule 10 and Schedule 3.

The purpose of this Practice Direction is to amend Rule 10 section (8) of the DIFC WPR Rules to permit the Director or an Authorised Officer (as defined in the DIFC WPR Rules) of the DIFC WPR to attend a location outside of the DIFC WPR's offices in the Dubai International Financial Centre for the purpose of enabling the testator to execute a will.

1. This Practice Direction will come into effect on the date of signature. It may be cited as **Practice Direction 2 of 2017 — The DIFC Wills and Probate Registry Rules** and may be abbreviated to **PD 2/2017**.

2. In this Practice Direction—

- (a) “DIFC WPR” means the DIFC Wills and Probate Registry.
- (b) “DIFC WPR Rules” means the DIFC Wills and Probate Registry Rules.

**Amendment to Rule 10 section (8) of the DIFC WPR Rules**

3. Rule 10 section (8) of the DIFC WPR Rules shall be amended to read as follows:

‘Wills may be executed in front of and witnessed by the Director or an Authorised Officer at a location (wherever situated) other than the Registry’s offices in the Dubai International Financial Centre. In such circumstances, any additional fees and expenses incurred by the Registry, as specified in a Practice Direction from time to time or as otherwise determined by the Director on a case by case basis, must be paid by the Testator.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2017.

**Chief Justice Michael Hwang**

**Head of the Dispute Resolution Authority**