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## **The Judicature (Designation of High Court Circuits) Instrument, 2023**

*(Under section 19 of the Judicature Act, Cap. 13)*

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Chief Justice by section 19(2) of the Judicature Act, and in consultation with the Principal Judge, this Instrument is made this 17th day of November, 2023.

### **1. Title**

This Instrument may be cited as the Judicature (Designation of High Court Circuits) Instrument, 2023.

### **2. Purpose**

The purpose of this Instrument is to designate High Court Circuits for the trial of civil and criminal causes and for the disposal of other legal business.

### **3. Designation of High Court Circuits**

The areas specified in the Schedule to this Instrument are designated High Court Circuits by the names specified in column 2, comprising the corresponding area in column 3.

### **4. Transitional arrangements**

On the operationalisation of the newly created High Court Circuits by this Instrument—

- (a) the cases originating from Kwanja, Oyam and Apac districts previously filed under the Lira High Court Circuit shall be transferred to Apac High Court Circuit;

- (b) the cases originating from Bugweri, Namayingo, Namutumba and Bugiri districts previously filed under the Iganga High Court Circuit shall be transferred to Bugiri High Court Circuit;
- (c) the cases originating from Mitooma, Sheema, Rubirizi, Buhweju and Bushenyi districts previously filed under the Mbarara High Court Circuit shall be transferred to Bushenyi High Court Circuit;
- (d) the cases originating from Alebtong, Amolatar and Dokolo districts previously filed under the Lira High Court Circuit shall be transferred to Dokolo High Court Circuit;
- (e) the cases originating from Entebbe Municipality and Busiro County South of Wakiso district previously filed under the respective High Court Divisions in Kampala shall be transferred to Entebbe High Court Circuit;
- (f) the cases originating from Kiruhura, Kazo, Kamwenge, Kitagwenda and Ibanda districts previously filed under the Mbarara and Fort Portal High Court Circuits respectively shall be transferred to Ibanda High Court Circuit;
- (g) the cases originating from Kasese district previously filed under the Fort Portal High Court Circuit shall be transferred to Kasese High Court Circuit;
- (h) the cases originating from Kyankwanzi and Kiboga districts previously filed under the Mubende High Court Circuit shall be transferred to Kiboga High Court Circuit;
- (i) the cases originating from Karenga, Lamwo and Kitgum districts previously filed under the Gulu and Moroto High Court Circuits respectively shall be transferred to Kitgum High Court Circuit;

- (j) the cases originating from Bukedea, Ngora and Kumi districts previously filed under the Soroti High Court Circuit shall be transferred to Kumi High Court Circuit;
- (k) the cases originating from Buvuma and Buikwe districts previously filed under the Mukono High Court Circuit shall be transferred to Lugazi High Court Circuit;
- (l) the cases originating from Adjumani, Obongi, Yumbe and Moyo districts previously filed under the Arua High Court Circuit shall be transferred to Moyo High Court Circuit;
- (m) the cases originating from Kyegegwa district previously filed under the Fort Portal High Court Circuit shall be transferred to Mubende High Court Circuit;
- (n) the cases originating from Pakwach, Zombo and Nebbi districts previously filed under the Arua High Court Circuit shall be transferred to Nebbi High Court Circuit;
- (o) the cases originating from Ntungamo district previously filed under the Mbarara High Court Circuit shall be transferred to Ntungamo High Court Circuit;
- (p) the cases originating from Butebo, Kibuku, Budaka and Pallisa districts previously filed under the Mbale High Court Circuit shall be transferred to Pallisa High Court Circuit;
- (q) the cases originating from Pader, Abim, Otuke and Agago districts previously filed under the Gulu, Moroto and Lira High Court Circuits shall be transferred to Patongo High Court Circuit;
- (r) the cases originating from Kyotera, Lyantonde, Lwengo and Rakai districts previously filed under the Masaka High Court Circuit shall be transferred to Rakai High Court Circuit; and

- (s) the cases originating from Busiro County East, Busiro County North and Nansana Municipality of Wakiso district previously filed under the respective High Court Divisions in Kampala shall be transferred to Wakiso High Court Circuit.

## **5. Administrative circular**

The Principal Judge shall, by administrative circular, direct the operation and reorganisation of the Circuits of the High Court designated under paragraph 3.

## **6. Revocation of S.I No. 55 of 2016**

The Judicature (Designation of High Court Circuits) Instrument, 2016, No. 55 of 2016 is hereby revoked.

## SCHEDULE

*Paragraph 3*

### HIGH COURT CIRCUITS

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Name of Circuit</b> | <b>Area of Circuit</b>  |
|------------|------------------------|---|
| 1.         | Apac                   | Kwania, Oyam and Apac.  |
| 2.         | Arua                   | Terego, Maracha, Madi-Okollo, Koboko, Arua and Arua City.                 |
| 3.         | Bugiri                 | Bugweri, Namayingo, Namutumba and Bugiri.                                 |
| 4.         | Bushenyi               | Mitooma, Sheema, Rubirizi, Buhweju and Bushenyi.                          |
| 5.         | Dokolo                 | Alebtong, Amolatar and Dokolo.  |
| 6.         | Entebbe                | Entebbe Municipality and Busiro County South.                             |
| 7.         | Fort Portal            | Bundibugyo, Kyenjojo, Bunyangabu, Kabarole, Ntoroko and Fort Portal City. |
| 8.         | Gulu                   | Amuru, Omoro, Nwoya, Gulu and Gulu City.                                  |
| 9.         | Hoima                  | Kagadi, Kibaale, Kikuube, Kakumiro, Hoima, Buliisa and Hoima City.        |
| 10.        | Ibanda                 | Kiruhura, Kazo, Kamwenge, Kitagwenda and Ibanda.                          |
| 11.        | Iganga                 | Mayuge, Kaliro, Luuka and Iganga.   |
| 12.        | Jinja                  | Buyende, Kamuli, Jinja and Jinja City.                                    |
| 13.        | Kabale                 | Kisoro, Rukiga, Rubanda and Kabale.                                       |
| 14.        | Kasese                 | Kasese.   |
| 15.        | Kiboga                 | Kyankwanzi and Kiboga.  |
| 16.        | Kitgum                 | Karenga, Lamwo and Kitgum.  |
| 17.        | Kumi                   | Bukedea, Ngora and Kumi.  |
| 18.        | Lira                   | Kole, Lira and Lira City.   |
| 19.        | Lugazi                 | Buikwe and Buvuma.  |

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| 20. | Luwero    | Nakasongola, Nakaseke and Luwero.   |
| 21. | Masaka    | Kalangala, Kalungu, Bukomansimbi, Sembabule, Masaka and Masaka City.                            |
| 22. | Masindi   | Kiryandongo and Masindi.  |
| 23. | Mbale     | Sironko, Namisindwa, Bududa, Manafwa, Bulambuli, Bukwo, Kween, Kapchorwa, Mbale and Mbale City. |
| 24. | Mbarara   | Isingiro, Rwampara, Mbarara and Mbarara City.   |
| 25. | Mpigi     | Butambala, Gomba and Mpigi.   |
| 26. | Moroto    | Nakapiripirit, Amudat, Nabilatuk, Napak, Kaabong, Kotido and Moroto.                            |
| 27. | Moyo      | Adjumani, Obongi, Yumbe and Moyo.   |
| 28. | Mukono    | Kayunga and Mukono.   |
| 29. | Mubende   | Kassanda, Mityana, Kyegegwa and Mubende.  |
| 30. | Nebbi     | Pakwach, Zombo and Nebbi.   |
| 31. | Ntungamo  | Ntungamo.   |
| 32. | Pallisa   | Butebo, Kibuku, Budaka and Pallisa.   |
| 33. | Patongo   | Pader, Abim, Ouke and Agago.  |
| 34. | Rakai     | Kyotera, Lyantonde, Lwengo and Rakai.   |
| 35. | Rukungiri | Kanungu and Rukungiri.  |
| 36. | Soroti    | Kalaki, Kaberamaido, Serere, Amuria, Kapelebyong, Katakwi, Soroti and Soroti City.              |
| 37. | Tororo    | Busia, Butaleja and Tororo.   |
| 38. | Wakiso    | Busiro County East, Busiro County North and Nansana Municipality.                               |

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