

NITIJELA OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

21<sup>ST</sup> CONSTITUTIONAL REGULAR SESSION, 2000

BILL NO. 20

P.L. 2000-13

1 An Act

2 To amend Sections 217, 218 and 219 of the Judiciary Act 1983.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS:

4 **Section 1. Short Title.**

5 This Act may be cited as the Judiciary (Amendment) Act of 2000.

6 **Section 2. Amendment of Section 217.**

7 Section 217 of the Judiciary Act 1983 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 **“Section 217. Rules of Court of the Supreme Court.**

9 Subject to any Act, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may adopt rules  
10 for:

11 (a) regulating the practice and procedure of that Court, prescribing the  
12 fees to be paid with respect to any proceedings and generally for making  
13 provisions for the proper and effectual exercise of the jurisdiction of the  
14 Court; and

15 (b) prescribing the laws of evidence in any court; provided that such  
16 rules may be different for different courts or for different kinds of proceedings  
17 or cases.”

18 **Section 3. Amendment of Section 218.**

19 The first sentence of Subsection (1) of Section 218 of the Judiciary Act 1983 is  
20 hereby amended to read as follows:

“(1) Subject to any Act, the Chief Justice of the High Court may adopt rules regulating:”

**Section 4. Amendment of Section 219.**

Section 219 of the Judiciary Act 1983 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**“Section 219. Admission rules.**

Subject to this Chapter and any other law, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, with the concurrence of the Chief Justice of the High Court, or if the position of Chief Justice of the High Court is vacant, then the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court acting alone, shall adopt rules that:

(a) regulate the admission of persons to practice as an attorney at law or trial assistant before any court;

(b) establish the standards of professional responsibility and conduct for any person practicing law in the Republic; and

(c) provide for the discipline, including suspension or disbarment, of any person practicing law in the Republic.”

**Section 5. Effective Date.**

This Act shall take effect on the date of certification in accordance with Article IV, Section 21, of the Constitution.

Certificate

I hereby certify:

(1) that the above Nitijela Bill No. 20 has been passed by the Nitijela of the Marshall Islands on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000, and

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(2) that I am satisfied that Nitijela Bill No. 20 has been passed in accordance with the Constitution of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of the Nitijela.

I hereby place my signature before the Clerk of the Nitijela this 22nd day of March, 2000.

ATTEST:

  
Litokwa Tomening, Speaker  
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

  
Joe Riklon, Clerk  
Nitijela of the Marshall Islands