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*Made under section 23 of the Divorce Act<sup>1</sup>*

Commencement [1<sup>st</sup> January 2007]

### Rule 1. Citation and commencement

These rules may be cited as the Divorce Rules 2006 and shall come into operation on 1 January 2007.

### Rule 2. Interpretation

“**Act**” means the Divorce Act;

“**ancillary relief**” means any relief sought under sections 17 or 18 of the Act;

“**application**” and “application notice” have the meanings set out in the principal rules;

“**Court**” means the Supreme Court of Tonga;

“**child of the family**” and “**children of the family**” have the same meaning as “**children of the family**” in Section 2 of the Act;

“**children statement**” means the statement referred to in Rule 4(5);

“**Judge**” means the Lord Chief Justice and any other Judge of the Supreme Court;<sup>2</sup>

“**lawyer**” means a law practitioner enrolled under the Law Practitioners Act 1989;

“**petition**” includes a cross-petition;

“**principal rules**” means the Supreme Court Rules 2007;

“**Registrar**” has the meaning set out in the principal rules;