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**MAGISTRATES COURTS ACT**

(Cap. 20)

(Sections 19 &amp; 26)

**THE MAGISTRATES' COURTS (INCREASED CIVIL JURISDICTION) ORDER 2007**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 26 of the *Magistrates Courts Act* I hereby make the following order:-

1. This order may be cited as The Magistrates' Courts (Increased Civil Jurisdiction) Order 2007 and shall come into effect on the 22nd day of January 2007.
2. The following principal magistrates may exercise an increased monetary jurisdiction in civil causes and matters to the extent specified in this order:
  - . Mr Rex Faulkona
  - . Mr William S Seneka
  - . Mr Leonard Maena
  - . Mr Barnabas Upwe
  - . Mr Jefferson Leua
  - . Mr Steve Wilson
  - . Mr John Myers
3. The increased jurisdiction may be exercised by each named principal magistrate in each and every magistrate's court district.
4. The monetary jurisdiction of each named principal magistrate is increased as follows:-
  - (a) in all causes or matters described in -
    - (i) section 19(1)(a); and
    - (ii) section 19(1)(e); and
    - (iii) section 19(5)
 of the Magistrates' Courts Act, from two thousand dollars to twenty thousand dollars;

- (b) in all causes or matters described in section 19(1)(b) of the Magistrates' Courts Act, and whether the annual value or rent exceeds five hundred dollars or not, from two thousand dollars to twenty thousand dollars;
- (c) in all causes of action to which section 20 of the Magistrates' Courts Act applies, from two thousand dollars to twenty thousand dollars.

Made at Honiara under my hand and the seal of the High Court this 17th day of January, 2007.

**SIR ALBERT R. PALMER CBE**  
CHIEF JUSTICE