IN THE CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE
APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ON APPEAL FROM THE COURT OF APPEAL OF GUYANA

CCJ Appeal No GYCR2026/001
GY Criminal Appeal No 53 of 2018

Between

WAZIR ALI

Appellant

And

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Respondent

INVITATION TO ASSIST AS AMICUS CURIAE
(Rule 12A.4(1) of the Caribbean Court of Justice (Appellate Jurisdiction) Rules, 2024)

TAKE NOTICE that an appeal was filed in the captioned matter on 27 January 2026. The subject matter of this appeal relates to the common law rules on recent complaint.

The Appellant seeks to overturn his conviction, challenging the admissibility of evidence of recent complaint and the relevant directions of the trial judge.

The Court proposes to invite any person or body with significant information of relevance to the issues outlined below to file an application to assist the Court as an amicus curiae:

1. How effective is the current legal framework governing the doctrine of recent complaint in Guyana, particularly with respect to its impact on both the Virtual Complainant and the Accused in criminal proceedings?
2. To what extent have changes in the common law on the doctrine of recent complaint in other Commonwealth jurisdictions been effective?

A Case Management Conference will be held in these proceedings on Friday, 17 April 2026 at 10:00 am by video conference pursuant to Rule 8(2)(f) of the Caribbean Court of Justice (Appellate Jurisdiction) Rules, 2024 ("the Rules").

Any person or body who wishes to assist the Court as an amicus curiae must file an application in response to this notice in accordance with Part 12A.6 of the Rules, on or before Friday, 10 April 2026.

Please note that applicants must register with the Court's case management system prior to filing their applications. For further information, please visit the court's website at https://ccj.org/e-filing-portal/, send queries to efile@ccj.org or contact 1-868- 612-5225.

Dated this 11th day of March 2026

Deputy Registrar and Marshal
Caribbean Court of Justice