

N.P.R.C. Decree
No. 18



Sierra Leone

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The Council for Law Reporting Decree, 1994

Short title.

**Being a Decree to establish a Council for Law Reporting and
for other related matters.**

[10th November, 1994] Date of
Commencement.

PURSUANT to paragraph 3 of the Proclamation entitled "The Administration of Sierra Leone (National Provisional Ruling Council) Proclamation, 1992", the National Provisional Ruling Council makes and issues the following Decree—

1. There shall be established a body to be known as the Council for Law Reporting (in this Decree referred to as "the Council"). Establishment
of Council for
Law Reporting.
2. (1) The Council shall consist of— Composition
of the Council.

- (a) a judge of the Superior Court of Judicature nominated by the Chief Justice who shall be Chairman;
- (b) a representative of the Attorney-General and Secretary of State for Judicial Affairs;
- (c) two representatives of the Sierra Leone Bar Association;
- (d) the Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Sierra Leone or his representative;
- (e) the Government Printer, or his representative; and
- (f) the Editor.

(2) Members of the Council shall be appointed by the National Provisional Ruling Council.

(3) Persons appointed as members of the Council under paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (1) shall hold office for a period of three years and may resign by notice in writing addressed to the Chairman. Any such member may for just cause be removed from office by the National Provisional Ruling Council.

(4) Where the office of a person appointed as a member of the Council other than in pursuance of paragraph (f) of subsection (1) becomes vacant by his death, resignation or removal for just cause, the Chairman shall inform the person or body by whom he was nominated to nominate another person to fill the vacancy created by such death, resignation or removal.

(5) Subject to the provisions of this Decree, where any member of the Council is unable by reason of absence from Sierra Leone or illness or any other cause to perform the duties of his office, the Chairman shall request the nominating person, body or authority to nominate another person in his place until such time as the member is able to perform such duties or until the term of such member expires whichever first occurs.

(3) The Council shall appoint such other persons as may be necessary for the discharge of its functions on such terms and conditions as it may determine.

(4) The Council may delegate to the Chairman or the Editor its powers to appoint the persons referred to in subsection (3).

13. The Government shall from time to time provide such funds as may be required for the payment of the salaries and allowances of the employees of the Council and the administrative and other expenses of the Council. Funds of Council.

14. There shall be paid to members of the Council, except the Editor, such allowances as may be determined by the National Provisional Ruling Council. Allowances of members of Council.

15. (1) The Council shall keep proper accounts and proper records in relation to its accounts. Accounts of Council.

(2) The accounts shall be audited annually by the Auditor-General or an independent Auditor appointed by the Council with the Auditor-General's approval.

16. (1) The Council shall submit to the Attorney-General and Secretary of State for Judicial Affairs within three months after the end of each year a report on the activities of the Council during the preceding year. Annual Reports.

(2) The Attorney-General shall present the report of the Council together with any comments he may make on it to the National Provisional Ruling Council.

17. The Registrar of the Supreme Court, the Registrar of the Court of Appeal and the Master and Registrar of the High Court shall, at the end of every calendar month, furnish the Editor with a list of all judgements, rulings and opinions delivered by a judge or justice of the court to which he is attached, together with two certified copies of such judgements, rulings and opinions. Returns to be made by Registrars of Superior Courts.

18. The Sierra Leone Law Reports shall be deemed to be the official law reports of Sierra Leone which may be cited in proceedings in all the courts of Sierra Leone. Sierra Leone Law Reports to be official law reports.

Regulations.

19. The National Provisional Ruling Council, in consultation with the Council, may make rules and regulations generally for the effective carrying out of the provisions and purposes of this Decree.

MADE AND ISSUED this 3rd day of November, 1994.

CAPTAIN VALENTINE E. M. STRASSER
Chairman,
National Provisional Ruling Council.