



Papua New Guinea

National Court of Justice

National Court Election Petition Rules 2002 (as amended)

Practice Direction (Election Petitions) No 2 of 2012

This practice direction is issued in consultation with the Chief Justice, the Deputy Chief Justice and the Judges.

1. **Judge Administrator of Election Petitions** - *National Court Election Petition Rules 2002 (as amended)*.

The Chief Justice appoints the Hon. Justice Collin Makail as Judge Administrator of Election Petitions.

2. **Challenges to the Competency of the Petition** – Rule 15 of the *National Court Election Petition Rules 2002 (as amended)*.

Challenges to the competency of the petition shall be commenced by notice of objection to competency and shall be filed and served within 21 days of service of the petition.

3. **Date of Trial** – Rule 13 (3) (j) of the *National Court Election Petition Rules 2002 (as amended)*.

The Judge Administrator shall fix a date of the Trial of a petition to commence within 28 days from the date of the Pre-Trial Conference.

4. **Date of Ruling or Decision after Hearing or Trial** – Rule 15 of the *National Court Election Petition Rules 2002 (as amended)*.

The Trial Judge shall deliver the Judgement or Ruling on a Petition within 28 days from the date of conclusion of the Hearing or Trial.

Dated the 2nd day of August 2012.

Ian Augerea
Registrar of the National Court