

Federal Court



Cour fédérale

**NOTICE TO PARTIES AND THE PROFESSION
PUBLICATION OF COURT DECISIONS**

June 1, 2018

Preamble

Effective availability of relevant Court decisions furthers the open court principle and is, ultimately, an access to justice issue. Following discussions with members of the Bar, the Court has endorsed the practice set out in this Notice regarding publication of decisions. It replaces the previous Notice to Parties and the Profession entitled “Publication of Decisions of Precedential Value” issued June 19, 2015.

A. PUBLICATION ON FEDERAL COURT WEB SITE

Final Decisions

Final decisions on the merits are published on the Court’s web site, with the exception of decisions issued following consent between parties, which are usually of no precedential value. Unless issued simultaneously in both official languages as required by the *Official Languages Act*, each final decision will be issued in the first instance in one of the official languages and thereafter, at the earliest possible time, in the other official language.

Interlocutory Decisions

If an interlocutory decision is considered by the Court to have precedential value, it may be assigned a neutral citation number, translated, and then published on the Court’s website in both official languages. Otherwise, interlocutory decisions are not published on the Court’s website.

Timing of Publication

Decisions are posted on the Court’s website as soon as possible after the Registry has sent a copy thereof to the solicitors of record and, in any event, no later than two (2) days thereafter. Where a party is not represented by a solicitor of record, decisions are posted as soon as possible after the Registry has sent a copy thereof to the party and, in any event, no later than ten (10) days thereafter.

B. PUBLICATION ON THIRD-PARTY WEB SITES

Third-party websites will continue to have access to all decisions that are published on the Federal Court website. Effective June 1, 2018, the Court shall also provide CANLII with access to the following categories of decisions that are not published on the Court website:

- interlocutory decisions that are issued with formal reasons for decision; and
- interlocutory decisions that are issued on a motion for stay of removal.

C. ACCESS TO DECISIONS ON THE COURT RECORD

An entry is made in the online [Court Index and Docket](#) that provides the outcome of each decision issued by the Court. You can contact your local [Registry Office](#) to request a copy of any decision on the public record. There is a fee of \$0.40 per page to get a print/fax copy of a decision.

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