

**Notice to the Profession**

February 15, 2013

On February 7, 2013, the Rules amending the Federal Courts Rules were registered. These amendments, which are annexed, were published in the Canada Gazette, Part I, on July 21, 2012 and will be published in the Canada Gazette, Part II, on February 27, 2013.

These amendments provide greater flexibility to the parties and to the Court, thereby enhancing **access to justice**.

Please note that these rules come into force on the day on which they are registered with the exception of subsections 2 (2) and (3), which come into force six months thereafter.

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