



PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

To: Members of the Legal Profession

PRACTICE DIRECTION

Re: *The Class Actions Act*

The Canadian Judicial Council has endorsed the recommendation of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada for the creation of a Central Class Action Registry to facilitate the exchange of information about all class actions instituted in Canadian Provinces, including multi-jurisdictional class actions. This Registry became operational as of January, 2007.

Most of the superior trial courts across Canada have issued Practice Directions along the lines of this one, or will be doing so in the near future in support of the Class Action Database. In Saskatchewan there is another reason for our Court endorsing the Class Action Registry, and it is that in December, 2007, *The Class Actions Amendment Act, 2007*, was assented to, but not yet proclaimed. One of the amendments is a notification requirement at the time of an application for certification in a multi-jurisdictional class action. This practice direction will satisfy the notification requirements contained in the amendment.

Effective February 1, 2008, lawyers acting on behalf of plaintiffs in respect of proceedings under *The Class Actions Act*, S.S. 2001, c. C-12.01, are to comply with the following procedure:

Within 10 days of service or filing, whichever is earlier, a copy of any:

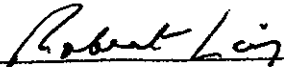
1. originating process; or
2. notice of motion for certification (not including affidavits in support); or
3. amendments to the foregoing

is to be sent electronically to the National Class Action Database of the Canadian Bar Association at the following address:

CBA National Class Action Database
E-mail: classaction@cba.org
Attention: Kerri Froc

A registration form must be used when submitting documents to the National Class Action Database, and data must be entered electronically. A copy of this registration form may be obtained online through the CBA website, www.cba.org. PDF is the preferred format for documents; however, MS Word documents will be accepted.

December 20, 2007


Robert D. Laing, Chief Justice,
Court of Queen's Bench.