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PRACTICE DIRECTION

Re: *Class Proceedings Act*

The Canadian Judicial Council has endorsed the recommendation of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada for the creation of a national database to facilitate the exchange of information about multi-jurisdictional class proceedings. The Canadian Bar Association has announced a pilot project to establish such a database; this Practice Direction is being issued to support the initiative.

It is anticipated that similar procedures will be implemented across the country and that lawyers and members of the public will be able to search the database to obtain information about class action proceedings that have been commenced in any jurisdiction in Canada.

Effective January 1, 2007, the Court will implement the following procedure in respect of proceedings under the *Class Proceedings Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 50:

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

must 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

The attached registration form must be used when submitting documents to the CBA National Class Action Database. PDF is the preferred format for documents; however, MS Word documents will also be accepted.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Donald I. Brenner', written over a horizontal line.

Donald I. Brenner,
Chief Justice