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COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

CIVIL PRACTICE NOTE NO. 3

NATIONAL DATABASE OF CLASS PROCEEDINGS

The Canadian Judicial Council has endorsed the recommendation of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada for the creation of a Canadian Class Proceedings 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 and this Practice Note is issued to support the initiative.

Similar Practice Notes or Directions have been issued in British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario, and 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.

For existing class proceedings, within 60 days of the effective date of this Practice Note, and for new class proceedings, within 10 days of service or filing, whichever is earlier, a copy of any:

1. Statement of Claim issued under the *Class Proceedings Act*, S.A. 2003, c. C - 16.5; or
2. Application for certification (not including affidavits in support); or
3. Amendments to the foregoing,

must be sent electronically by plaintiff's counsel to the National Class Action Database of the Canadian Bar Association at the following address:

National Class Action Database
Canadian Bar Association
E-mail: classaction@cba.org
Web-site: www.cba.org/classactions

A registration form must be used when submitting documents to the National Class Action Database, with data entered electronically. A copy of this registration form may be obtained online through the above e-mail or web-site. Please be advised that PDF is the preferred format for documents; however, MS Word documents will also be accepted.