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**CIRCULAR TO PRACTITIONERS**

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**SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT (HAGUE SERVICE  
CONVENTION) RULES 2009 AND  
SUPREME COURT (FORMS) RULES 2009**

By Circular No. 3 of 2009 I gave you notice of amendment rules in response to Australia's proposed accession to the *Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters, 1965* (the Hague Service Convention). My information then was that the Hague Service Convention would enter into force in September of 2009, triggering commencement of the above-named rules.

I am now informed that the Hague Service Convention will enter into force on 1 November 2010 and thus the above-named rules will also commence on that day. These rules provide for new processes and forms for the service of out-going process to Hague Service Convention countries and for the service of in-coming process from a Hague Service Convention country. They appear at part 38A of the *Supreme Court Rules 2000* and forms 83A and 83B of the *Supreme Court (Forms) Rules 2000* and replicate model rules created by the national court rules harmonisation committee.

A list of the signatories to the Hague Service Convention can be found at [http://hcch.e-vision.nl/index\\_en.php?act=conventions.status&cid=17](http://hcch.e-vision.nl/index_en.php?act=conventions.status&cid=17)

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