



NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

The Court of Appeal circulates certain judgments to the whole Court for comment on legal points in accordance with a consultative process that has long been part of the Court's tradition. These judgments are currently labelled Reasons for Judgment Reserved.

The circulation procedure was refined effective September 1st, 1999 and may be refined from time to time in the future. Such refinements do not have any effect on the binding nature of circulated judgments. In accordance with the principle of *stare decisis* as it has developed through the case law, lower courts are bound by such judgments, as is this Court, subject to our reconsideration procedure.

The Court's Practice Direction, which sets out the procedure to be followed in the event that a litigant wishes the Court of Appeal to reconsider an earlier precedent, remains in effect.

Fraser, C.J.A.

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