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**September 3, 2009**

**NOTICE TO THE PARTIES AND THE PROFESSION**

**ADDRESSING JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN COURT**

It has been noted that at times confusion arises among the parties and the profession as to how to correctly address a Prothonotary of the Federal Court.

The Federal Court has recommended that the name of the office be changed from Prothonotary to Associate Judge to promote clarity and access to justice.

As an interim measure, counsel and litigants may refer to Prothonotaries as “Your Honour” or as “Mr. Prothonotary” or “Madam Prothonotary” along with the family name of the prothonotary.

Judges of the Federal Court may continue to be addressed as “Justice”, “Mr. Justice” or “Madam Justice” along with the family name of the judge.

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“Allan Lutfy”  
Chief Justice