

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE BAR

**Coming into force of the new rules of the Court of Appeal on
January 1, 2007**

The Quebec Court of Appeal has adopted new rules in both civil and criminal matters that will come into force on January 1, 2007. As soon as these rules have been published in the Quebec Official Gazette and the Canada Gazette, which is anticipated in mid-December, copies of them will be available at the Court's Registry as well as on its web site (www.tribunaux.qc.ca).

I would draw your attention in particular to the fact that as of January 3, 2007, the time at which hearings commence will be changed. Thus, the Court and the Judge will begin sitting every day as of **9:30am**. The Clerk will hear motions within the jurisdiction of the Clerk every day as of **9:00am**.

In order to facilitate the adjustment of all concerned to the new rules, the Court will provide a transitional period until March 7, 2007. This means that until then, the Registry will accept all proceedings, even those that are in the form of the current rules. This relief does not extend to the time at which hearings begin, and as of January 3, 2007, the new timetable will be in force. As of **March 7, 2007**, however, the new rules will be applied strictly.

J.J. MICHEL ROBERT
Chief Justice of Québec