



August 2, 2023

Dominique T. Hussey  
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Dear Ms. Hussey:

Thank you for sharing The Advocates' Society's report, [\*Delay No Longer: The Time to Act is Now: A Call for Action on Delay in the Civil Justice System\*](#). The Court of Appeal for Ontario and the Civil Rules Committee are carefully considering the report and are committed to taking steps to reduce delay in the civil justice system.

Last year, following a unanimous and enthusiastic vote of the Civil Rules Committee in September 2022, Justice Feldman, as Committee Chair, wrote to the Attorney General to request that he strike an independent committee to undertake a comprehensive review of the *Rules of Civil Procedure* to enhance access to justice and to modernize the civil justice system. This request was supported by both the Court of Appeal for Ontario and the Superior Court of Justice and, as you know, Chief Justice Morawetz also addressed the importance of a comprehensive *Rules* review in his remarks at the 2022 Opening of Courts Ceremony. It is our shared hope that this review will soon be up and running.

The Civil Rules Committee, in collaboration with the Court of Appeal for Ontario, has recently launched a new webpage, which provides updates on the work of the Committee, and details about how members of the legal community and the public can make proposals for *Rule* changes: <https://www.ontariocourts.ca/coa/about-the-court/civil-rules-committee/>. Most recently, the Civil Rules Committee has struck a subcommittee to consider refusals motions which, as you know, consume significant court resources, to be chaired by Justice Darla Wilson. The subcommittee will be seeking input from stakeholders including The Advocates' Society in the Fall.

We would also like to formally invite The Advocates' Society to provide its views as to the most pressing areas of civil practice that could benefit from potential *Rule* changes to reduce delay and promote timely access to justice. Perhaps, as a first step, The Advocates' Society might identify 5 proposed *Rule* amendments that it considers the most imperative for the Committee's review. Proposals can be directed to the Secretary of the Rules Committee, Shannon Chace, at [crc.secretary@ontario.ca](mailto:crc.secretary@ontario.ca).

We look forward to continued collaboration as we work to address the critical issue of delay in the civil justice system.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Michael H. Tulloch  
Chief Justice of Ontario  
Court of Appeal for Ontario



The Honourable Kathryn N. Feldman  
Chair, Civil Rules Committee  
Court of Appeal for Ontario

cc: Shannon Chace, Secretary of the Civil Rules Committee, Court of Appeal for Ontario  
Vicki White, Chief Executive Officer, The Advocates' Society