

On May 28, 2021, a regulation was filed to amend court rules and forms for civil proceedings in the Superior Court of Justice: [O. Reg. 383/21](#), amending the *Rules of Civil Procedure*.

The regulation makes administrative amendments to align the *Rules of Civil Procedure* with amendments to the *Courts of Justice Act* that were introduced to replace references to “case management master” with references to “associate judge”. The legislative amendments were made through the *Accelerating Access to Justice Act, 2021*, Schedule 3. These amendments will come into force in tandem with the in-force date for the *Courts of Justice Act* amendments, **on a date to be proclaimed by the Lieutenant Governor**.

The regulation also makes amendments to remove the option of providing a confirmation of application or motion form to the registrar by fax, which will come into force on **July 1, 2021**.

Amendments to the estate rules achieve consistency in the use of the term “certificate of appointment of estate trustee” and make consequential amendments to recent rule changes establishing a simplified probate process for small estates (O. Reg. 111/21). These amendments are effective **May 28, 2021**.

The regulation amends 59 rules and 14 forms.

A summary of the regulation is available on Ontario’s Regulatory Registry at: [21-MAG016](#)