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**SUPREME COURT OF CANADA MANUAL  
Practice and Advocacy**

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This publication provides an in-depth look at practice and procedure at the Supreme Court of Canada. The authors include a former Executive Legal Officer to Chief Justice Lamer and a former law clerk to LaForest, and collectively as lawyers, they have worked on hundreds of Supreme Court matters as either counsel or agent. Intended to be a comprehensive research and working tool for practitioners, the book brings readers through each step of the process beginning with applying for leave to appeal. In doing so, it offers a substantive view of the law along with practical guidance on the issues that can arise in the leave to appeal and appeal process. Designed to be a primary source of the statute and case

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law with respect to practice at the Supreme Court, the text also includes important legislation, rules, guidelines, forms and practice directions. The book also contains a “Year in Review”: an annual survey of all the law from the Supreme Court including appeal judgments, oral judgments, significant motions and leaves to appeal granted. Subscribers will appreciate the analysis of the leading cases, their practical implications for practitioners, and the identification of emerging issues.

### **What’s New in this Update:**

A Year in Review covering leaves to appeal and appeal judgments from 2020 has been added.

The *Rules Amending the Rules of the Supreme Court of Canada*, SOR/2020-281, were published in Part II of the Canada Gazette on January 6, 2021. This update covers those amendments, which come into force on January 27, 2021. The *Guidelines for Preparing Documents to be Filed with the Supreme Court of Canada (Print and Electronic)* have also been updated accordingly.

### **Highlights**

- **Rule Changes** — Amendments to the Rules come into force on January 27, 2021. These changes simplify the leave application process.
- **New Guidelines** — Revised version of the *Guidelines for Preparing Documents to be Filed with the Supreme Court of Canada (Print and Electronic)* have been added which affect the preparation of all documents.
- **Year in Review - 2020** — The Year in Review provides summaries of every appeal judgment, oral judgment and leave to appeal granted in 2020.