EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Subordinate Law No. 14 of 1994

Issued by Authority of the Judges of the Supreme Court

SUPREME COURT (ADMISSION OF PRACTITIONERS) RULES (AMENDMENT)

The primary purpose of these amendments is to extend the list of prescribed tertiary institutions which are to be recognised for the purposes of paragraph 11(1)(a) of the Legal Practitioners Act 1970 as providing appropriate educational qualifications for admission as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court.

The list of prescribed tertiary institutions set out in Schedule 2 of the Principal Rules is amended by Clause 17 of these amending rules to include the University of Canberra and each university or tertiary institution in a State or Territory which issues a degree in law (however described) which is recognised in that State or Territory as sufficient educational qualification for admission to practise as a barrister or solicitor.

The other amendments contained in these amending rules are of a minor technical nature and are in accordance with drafting procedures.