

## **ORDER I A**

### **Underlying Objectives (O. 1A, Rule 1)**

The underlying objectives of these rules are:

- a) to increase cost effectiveness of litigation;
- b) to ensure that a case is dealt with as expeditiously as is reasonably practicable;
- c) to promote proportionality and procedural economy in the conduct of proceedings;
- d) to ensure fairness between parties;
- e) allotting to a case appropriate share of Court's time and resources, while taking into account the need to allocate the court resources and time to other cases; and
- f) to facilitate settlement of disputes.

### **Rule 2**

1. The court shall seek to give effect to the underlying objectives when it exercises any of its powers under the Civil Procedure Code 1908, or interpret any of its rules, or a practice direction.
2. In giving effect to the underlying objectives, the court shall always recognize that the primary aim in exercising the powers of the court is to secure the just resolution of disputes in accordance with the substantive rights of the parties.

The parties to any proceedings and their legal representatives shall assist the court to further the underlying objectives of these rules.