

Australia to accede to Hague Convention on Service Abroad

On 25 June 2009, the Commonwealth Attorney General tabled the *Hague Convention on Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil and Commercial Matters 1965* in Parliament. This is the first step to Australia's becoming a party to the *Convention*. In anticipation of that, there have been amendments to the rules of the Federal Court and those of the State Supreme Courts (see eg Victoria) relating to service under the *Convention*, which will commence on the day the *Convention* enters force in Australia.