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Dear Sir :

The September 30th edition of the Alberta Gazette includes the publication of the *Languages in the Courts Regulation* (AR 158/2013), made under s. 4(2) of the *Languages Act*:[http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/orders/orders\\_in\\_council/2013/913/2013\\_254.html](http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/orders/orders_in_council/2013/913/2013_254.html)

One of the goals of our student body is to promote equality of status and use of English and French in the Canadian legal system. All Albertans among us strongly disagree with the above Regulation, as it is first and foremost a limit to the use of one of the two languages of the Courts of Alberta. Furthermore, it deals only with proceedings under the Provincial Offences Procedure Act, whereas there is still no regulation nor rules of the Court available to litigants planning to exercise their language rights in all other proceedings before the Provincial Court, the Court of Queen's Bench and the Court of Appeal of Alberta.

We have the support of our colleagues, of members of the Faculty and members of the Bar; they agree with our comments. We would like to meet with you, as the Alberta Representative in Ottawa so you may brief the Premier, the Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations and the Minister of Justice of Alberta on our position.

To avoid a conflict with our classes, we suggest a meeting next Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 16h00, at your convenience either at the Law Faculty or at your office.

Please email your answer as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

**The administrative council of RÉCLEF**

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