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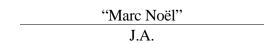
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- [1] The Respondent moves to strike from the record the affidavit filed by the Applicant.
- [2] An affidavit must be premised upon personal knowledge. Its purpose is to adduce facts relevant to the dispute without gloss or explanation (*Bell Canada v. Canada (Canadian Human Rights Commission*), (1991), 39 F.T.D. 97 at 99; *Vancouver Island Peace Society v. Canada*), (1993), 64 F.T.R. 127 at 149).

- [3] It is apparent that the applicant confuses the purpose of the affidavit which he has filed with the submissions which he is entitled to make in support of his application. The affidavit is replete with arguments and conclusions of law. The usual remedy would be to strike out the parts of the affidavit that do not consist of statements of fact. However, the applicant's affidavit is unseverable.
- [4] The affidavit will accordingly be struck in its entirety with leave to file a further affidavit which conforms with the Rules.
- [5] As no costs were sought, none are awarded.



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