See also: Parole

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Appeal from Prothonotary's order striking applicant's notice of application for judicial review of Parole Board of Canada (Board) decision revoking previously suspended day parole — Applicant incarcerated offender — Commencing application for habeas corpus in Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, application for judicial review in respect of Board's decision Court of Queen's Bench finding Board's decision reasonable, procedurally fair Respondents filing motion to strike application as abuse of process — Prothonotary finding application attempt to relitigate legality of Board's decision already determined by Court of Queen's Bench — Applicant submitting Prothonotary not having jurisdiction to issue judgement in matter relating to his liberty — Interpreted broadly Federal Courts Rules. SOR/98-106, r. 50(1)(f) ousting Prothonotary's jurisdiction on motion to strike application to review decision revoking parole — Relating to applicant's liberty because if application failing then applicant remaining in custody — Alberta habeas corpus application, present application similar — Accordingly, Prothonotary lacking jurisdiction to consider respondents' motion to strike application for judicial review as abuse of process — Jurisdiction to strike application as abuse of process to be exercised sparingly — Doctrine of abuse of process particularly applied where litigant attempting to relitigate issue or matter already determined — Here, applicant challenging very decision that he challenged by way of habeas corpus in Alberta — Not situation where relitigation enhancing, rather than impeaching, integrity of judicial system — Motion to strike application as abuse of process granted — Application dismissed.

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