



ALBERTA COURT OF JUSTICE

Edmonton Family & Youth Division

Practice Note 2.2: Child Protection Protocols

Effective: May 1, 2025

APPLICATION OF PRACTICE NOTE

1. This practice note applies to proceedings under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* [CYFEA] heard in Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Leduc, Sherwood Park, St. Albert, Stony Plain and Wetaskiwin.

FILING OF AFFIDAVITS

2. Participants in a proceeding may file affidavits in the proceeding.

TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP (“TGO”) TRIALS

3. TGO trials shall be scheduled for a maximum of 2 days with one day allotted to the presentation of the Director’s case (including opening statement, cross-examination and re-examination) and one day allotted to the presentation of the other parties’ case (including opening statement, cross-examination, re-examination and closing submissions).
4. The Court may grant permission to schedule a TGO trial longer than 2 days, as follows:
 - a) On the initial scheduling of a trial with a Memorandum of Trial Readiness, the application may be made by a letter from counsel or an affidavit of a party attached to the MTR providing the reasons why a longer trial is necessary.
 - b) If a trial has already been scheduled, a party may apply to a judge in docket court to extend the trial beyond 2 days.

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- c) When permission is granted for a TGO trial longer than 2 days, the Court may set conditions for the granting of permission, including setting the time allotted to each party.

JUDICIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (“JDR”) – *Applicable to Edmonton Only*

5. Immediately after initial custody is granted following either a contested hearing or upon the consent of the parties entered through counsel, a one-hour JDR shall be scheduled for the earliest available date for counsel and the parties.
6. For all other *CYFEA* applications, a one-hour JDR shall be scheduled within 2 months after the filing of the application.
7. For all *CYFEA* trials of 2 days or longer, a second one-hour JDR shall be scheduled for approximately 3 months prior to trial.
8. The Court may vary the timelines for scheduling a JDR and may waive any requirement to schedule a JDR on its own motion or on application by a party.
9. For greater clarity, the appointment of a case management judge supersedes the foregoing JDR requirements.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2025



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