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## COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **New Family Practice Note 2 – Effective April 3, 2018**

The purpose of Family Practice Note 2 (“FPN 2”) is to facilitate the filing of proper application documents, in a timely manner, in the appropriate Court venue, that provide only the evidence necessary to decide the issues.

After a process of consultation with the Bar, the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta has made a number of significant changes to FPN 2. The new FPN 2 applies to all the same proceedings as the old Practice Note. It is located on the Court of Queen’s Bench webpage, at:

[https://albertacourts.ca/docs/default-source/qb/family-law-practice-note-2---family-law-regular-and-special-chambers-\(effective-april-1-2018\).pdf?sfvrsn=2015af80\\_4](https://albertacourts.ca/docs/default-source/qb/family-law-practice-note-2---family-law-regular-and-special-chambers-(effective-april-1-2018).pdf?sfvrsn=2015af80_4)

FPN 2 continues to be subject to Family Practice Note 1 (Parenting After Separation) and to the special requirements for self-represented litigants (“SRLs”) in each judicial centre (as set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 and Appendix A of the new FPN 2). The new FPN 2 will apply to applications filed **on and after April 3, 2018**.

Many changes have been made to FPN 2, including significant changes to filing deadlines, the process for scheduling applications, the number of affidavits, the scheduling of cross-applications, and filing requirements for third parties. Parties and Counsel are expected to familiarize themselves and comply with the new requirements and deadlines set out in the new FPN 2 before filing an application on or after April 3, 2018.