

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

PRIORITY OF ASSIGNMENT OF JUDICIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 4.16(1)

Further to NP#2013-01 dated January 12, 2013 (not enforcing mandatory dispute resolution before entry for trial), and during its currency, the assignment of Judicial Dispute Resolution (JDR) hearings in Edmonton and Calgary, pursuant to Rule 4.16(1)(c), shall, on the effective date for booking after the schedule of JDR Justices is released for each upcoming term, be on a first filing¹ basis, on the following priority:

- (a) for the first 24 hours, cases of the type identified in (b) to (d) that have been "wait listed" during a previous term but not yet heard;
- (b) for the next 24 hours, family law cases, with child issues involved, that are ready for trial²;
- (c) for the next 24 hours, family law cases, with child issues involved, whether or not ready for trial;
- (d) for the next 24 hours, any case that is ready for trial;
- (e) for the next 24 hours, any case other than (a) that has been "wait listed" during a previous term; and
- (f) any other case.

In Judicial Centres outside Calgary and Edmonton, the order of priority principles set out above will be considered by the Court Coordinators for booking JDR hearings.

Neil C. Wittmann, Chief Justice

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As to dates and procedures for the release of the JDR booking schedule, opening date and time for booking, and filing procedures, see the Court's website under "Assignments".

For the purpose of this Notice of Profession "ready for trial" is defined as those cases for which all parts of Form 37 has been completed and certified, except the dispute resolution requirement in para 5.(a) of Form 37.