



COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA
NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

CASE MANAGEMENT COUNSEL PILOT PROJECT

The Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta has commenced a Case Management Counsel Pilot Project in Edmonton and Calgary to assist in the orderly, proportionate, focused and expeditious handling of civil files (including family) streamed into case management. The Pilot Project will address civil actions filed in the Judicial Centres of Edmonton and Calgary only.

Authority and Duties of Case Management Counsel

Case Management Counsel's responsibilities may include:

- Assisting to narrow and or resolve issues;
- Assisting with scheduling and the development of litigation plans;
- Providing guidance to parties, including discouraging unnecessary/inappropriate applications;
- Vetting applications to ensure parties are in a position to proceed;
- Monitoring and assisting in the management of the litigation;
- Facilitating the preparation of consent orders for presentation to the Case Management Justice;
- Directing parties to appropriate services and procedures, including dispute resolution processes;
- Attending Case Management meetings between the Case Management Justice and parties/counsel as directed by the Case Management Justice; and
- Reporting and providing advice to the Chief, Associate Chief and or Case Management Justice as required.

Case Management Counsel has authority as a referee by virtue of her or his appointment as a Deputy Clerk of the Court pursuant to section 17 of the *Court of Queen's Bench Act*.

Referral to Case Management Counsel

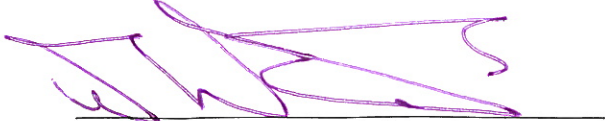
Upon the appointment of a Case Management Justice, actions may be referred in the first instance by the Court to Case Management Counsel. Cases that have already been streamed into case management may also be referred to Case Management Counsel in circumstances where the Case Management Justice deems it appropriate.

In Edmonton, meetings with Case Management Counsel, Sandra L. Schulz, QC, can be booked through the Case Management Coordinator, Sharon Hinz, at (780) 644-7389.

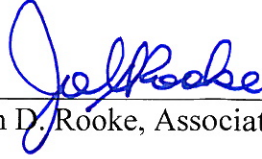
In Calgary, meetings with Case Management Counsel, Susan Borsic-Drummond, can be booked through the Case Management Coordinator, Sheila O'Brien, at (403) 297-2455.

Pilot Project Evaluation

There will be periodic reviews of the Case Management Counsel Pilot Project. Comments and suggestions concerning this Pilot Project are encouraged and can be delivered to the Chief Justice or the Associate Chief Justice. Should amendments be required to the Pilot Project, a further Notice to the Profession may be issued.



Neil C. Wittmann, Chief Justice



John D. Rooke, Associate Chief Justice