



The Court of Appeal of Alberta

Notice to the Profession

June 30, 2004

The Court has adopted a pilot project to implement time limits on oral argument for all civil and criminal motions, whether before a single judge or three judges, where the notice of motion is filed on or after October 1st, 2004.

The following procedures will apply:

1. In keeping with current practice, the parties will estimate the time required for oral argument if under 15 minutes for a motion or 30 minutes for an application for leave to appeal, subject always to the following conditions;
2. Unless otherwise ordered at the hearing, the maximum time for oral argument (including reply) will be 15 minutes per separately-represented party; except for applications for leave to appeal where the maximum time allowed will be 30 minutes per separately-represented party, unless otherwise ordered at the hearing; and
3. Consolidated motions will be treated as one motion for purposes of time limits.

The results of the pilot project will be reviewed in six months.

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Fraser, C.J.A.

***NOTE:** A copy of the Consolidated Practice Directions and Practice Notes can be found on the Alberta Courts’ website at www.albertacourts.ab.ca/ca/practicenotes.