

Notice to the Profession

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Commercial Practice Committee

The Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta has established a Commercial Practice Committee made up of justices of the Court who have a particular interest and experience in dealing with commercial matters, an extension of an long-standing informal practice of the Court. We will continue to schedule bankruptcy, insolvency and other commercial matters before members of the Commercial Practice Committee on a regular basis. While this in no way precludes other judges from hearing these types of applications it is anticipated that the majority of them will be brought on before members of the Committee.

We recognize that insolvency applications often arise on short notice, with the accompanying need for a judge to be available to hear them on an emergent basis. Members of the Bar may arrange for such hearing by contacting the judicial assistant of any one of the members of the Commercial Practice Committee. Alternatively, counsel may choose to contact the trial co-ordinators' office which will provide a judge to hear the matter, normally outside of regular court hours. We will attempt to ensure that one or more members of the Committee are available on all sitting days to hear emergent applications in each of Edmonton and Calgary.

Membership in the Commercial Practice Committee will change from time to time. At the moment it is composed of the following judges:

Edmonton

Bielby, J. - Co-Chair

Wachowich, C.J.

Agrios, J.

Veit, J.

Wilson, J.

Burrows, J.

Slatter, J.

Topolinski, J.

Calgary

LoVecchio - Co-Chair

Cairns, J.

Rooke, J.

Hart, J.

Wilkins, J.

Kent, J.

Hawco, J.

Romaine, J.

Park, J.

Horner, J.

Allan H. Wachowich

Chief Justice

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta