

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

PROCEDURE FOR BOOKING A JUDICIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN EDMONTON AND CALGARY

Commencing September 1, 2005, we will be adding a judge to hear Judicial Dispute Resolutions in each of Edmonton and Calgary, for a total of three sitting JDR judges every week, an increase of 50%. The goal of the extra assignment is to reduce wait times.

If you wish to book a JDR judge, you should write to the Trial Co-ordinator, setting out your requested dates(s) or judge, and specifying whether you desire a binding or non-binding JDR conference. In Edmonton, the contact is Brent Rosin (780-422-2313), and in Calgary, Pat Gordon (403-297-6776). It is advisable to name your second, third and fourth choice of judge as your earlier choices may already be booked.

When the assignment schedule is issued, the Trial Co-ordinator will contact counsel by telephone on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by the date of the letter of request or telephone call. Assignments are then made in the order that counsel return the Trial Co-ordinator's calls.

Assignment schedules are issued as follows:

Fall (September to December):	mid-June
Winter (January to June):	mid- November
Summer (July and August):	mid-May

Self-represented litigants who want to schedule a JDR judge must first obtain leave from the Chief Justice or Associate Chief Justice, or an Order from another justice.

July 20, 2005

Allan H. Wachowich
Chief Justice

Neil C. Wittmann
Associate Chief Justice