

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

AMENDED FAMILY LAW PRACTICE NOTE 4

NEW FAMILY LAW PRACTICE NOTE 9 – INTAKE, RESOLUTION AND CASEFLOW MANAGEMENT - CALGARY

In an effort to better meet the needs of family litigants, the Court of Queen's Bench is implementing a new early resolution and caseflow service **in Calgary only, beginning on December 1, 2014.** The initial level of staffing and resources limit the program to parenting and child support applications under the *Family Law Act* and under the *Extra-provincial Enforcement of Custody Orders Act*. Under this new program, all self-represented litigants will be required to consult with an intake counsellor prior to filing any application for relief under those statutes. In addition, before filing any application for relief under those statutes, legal counsel for an applicant will be required inform the applicant of the option to schedule a caseflow conference.

Provisions detailing the Intake, Resolution and Caseflow Management Program in Calgary are set out in the new Court of Queen's Bench Family Law Practice Note 9, located at the Court of Queen's Bench website at:

http://www.albertacourts.ab.ca/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=c9skjiyk77I%3d&tabid=93&mid=689

Court of Queen's Bench Family Law Practice Note 4 has also been amended to reflect the implementation of this new program, by the addition of a new paragraph 1. It is located at the Court of Queen's Bench website, at:

http://www.albertacourts.ab.ca/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=JvsVsYYkcxo%3d&tabid=93&mid=689

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