



COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL/DUTY JUSTICE INITIATIVE

Effective May 1, 2014, subject to the limitations discussed below, the Commercial/Duty initiative will include certain non-insolvency commercial cases. This initiative, designed to augment previous practice, offers litigants the option of booking non-insolvency commercial matters before a Justice in ordinary Chambers/Special Chambers *or* before a Justice who is a member of the Court's Commercial Practice Group.

An on-line grid on the Court's website entitled "Commercial Practice Bookings" sets out Commercial Practice Group Justices' assignments and their availability. The grid is set in one-half hour time slots. Parties may book as many slots as are required and should advise the Commercial Co-ordinator of the anticipated length of their application and the nature of the application. The cut-off for bookings is noon on Wednesday of the preceding week. The Court will accommodate emergency applications that may arise after the booking cut-off.

The Calgary Commercial Co-ordinators are Paula Lorenz and Keri-Ann Stevenson (403-476 - 4804). The Edmonton Commercial Co-ordinator is Sharon Hinz (780-644-7389).

The limitations on booking non-insolvency commercial cases are:

1. Insolvency cases have priority booking.
2. All non-insolvency cases will be booked on a "standby" basis pending confirmation that the booking is "firm".
3. Non-insolvency commercial matters are subject to bumping by emergency insolvency matters.
4. The non-exclusive list of non-insolvency commercial cases suitable for booking includes:
 - *Mareva* Injunctions
 - Anton Pillar Orders
 - Third-Party Production (Norwich) Orders

- Remedies under Business Corporations or Securities legislation
- Other matters permitted by a Commercial Duty Judge sitting in Commercial Appearance Court or a Co-Chair of the Commercial Practice Group or her designate.

Parties unable to book Commercial Case Management matters in the Case Management Justice's assigned Commercial Duty week due to filled booking can schedule other dates through the Commercial Duty Co-ordinators unless directed otherwise.

This project is subject to periodic review. Please direct any comments and suggestions concerning the project to the Commercial Group Co-Chairs, with copies to the Chief Justice or Associate Chief Justice.

The members of the Court's Commercial Practice Group are:

Calgary	Edmonton
Romaine, J Co-Chair	Topolniski, J Co-Chair
LoVecchio, J	Rooke, ACJ
Hawco, J	Veit, J
Horner, J	Lee, J
Macleod, J	Belzil, J
Eidsvik, J	Burrows, J
Strekaf, J	Ross, J
Yamauchi J	Gill , J
Jeffrey, J	Thomas, J
Jones, J	Nielsen, J
Campbell, J	
Dario, J	



Neil C. Wittmann, Chief Justice



John D. Rooke, Associate Chief Justice