



COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

THE COMMERCIAL/DUTY JUSTICE INITIATIVE

The Court of Queen's Bench is instituting a pilot project in Calgary and Edmonton in order to accommodate the high numbers of applications pertaining to bankruptcy, insolvency and related matters and provide better service to the public and the bar. Commencing the week of January 10, 2011 and every following week in the spring term, a Justice from the Commercial Practice Group will be assigned a week of duty described as "Commercial/Duty".

During this week, counsel will be able to book applications pertaining to bankruptcy, insolvency and related matters – for example, pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, receiverships and plans of arrangement. The Court concurrently with this Notice has provided an on-line grid on the Court's website entitled "Commercial Practice Committee bookings", which indicates the Justices assigned to such duty in Calgary and Edmonton and their availability to book matters. The bookings are set out in half-hour intervals and counsel should advise the Commercial Duty Co-ordinator of the anticipated length of the application.

Counsel may book new matters with an assigned Commercial Duty Justice (through the Commercial Duty Co-ordinator) in accordance with the grid, and are encouraged to book applications with respect to matters already case-managed by the Duty Justice in this week where possible. The assigned Duty Justice will also be available to hear non-contentious applications or discrete applications that need not be heard by a specific, already assigned Commercial Case Management Justice during the commercial duty week.

Matters that need to be heard by a specific Commercial Case Management Justice that cannot be accommodated in a commercial duty week due to timing considerations may continue to be booked through the Justice's legal assistant.

If the Commercial Duty Justice has sitting time that has not been booked for commercial matters, she or he will be assigned normal chambers duties. Counsel are asked to request bookings in a commercial duty week by Wednesday noon of the preceding week, although the Court will attempt to accommodate emergency applications that may arise after that time.

The Calgary Commercial Duty Co-ordinator is Pat Gordon at (403) 297-7499. The Edmonton Commercial Duty Co-ordinator, who will be named shortly, may be contacted at (780) 644-7389.

Comments and suggestions with respect to this pilot project can be directed to the Commercial Group Co-Chairs, with copies to Chief Justice or Associate Chief Justice.

A further Practice Note may be issued after a trial period.

The members of the Court's Commercial Practice Group in Calgary and Edmonton are as follows:

Calgary

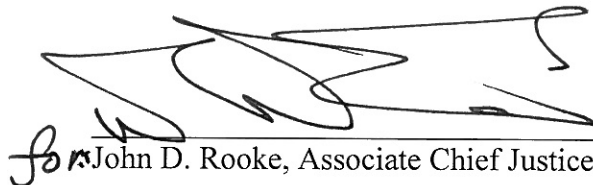
Romaine J. Co-Chair
Wittmann C.J.
McMahon J.
Kent J.
LoVecchio J.
Hawco J.
Horner J.
Eidsvik J.
Strekaf J.
Stevens J.
Jeffrey J.

Edmonton

Topolniski J. Co-Chair
Rooke A.C.J.
Veit J.
Belzil J.
Burrows J.
Ross J.
Gill J.
Thomas J.
Yamauchi J.



Neil C. Wittmann, Chief Justice



John D. Rooke, Associate Chief Justice