



## APPENDIX B

### Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

#### Matters of Highest Priority Requiring Immediate Attention (as of March 23, 2020):

Emergency matters, in which serious consequences to persons or harm to property may arise if the hearing does not proceed, or if there is a risk of loss of jurisdiction or expiration of an existing protection or restraining order, including, but not limited to:

a) **Family Matters:**

- Orders where there is a risk of violence or immediate harm to one of the parties or a child.
- Orders where there is a risk of removal of a child from the jurisdiction.
- Emergency Protection Order reviews.

b) **Civil Matters:**

- Orders relating to the pandemic, including quarantine orders.
- Injunctions, where there is *prima facie* urgency, including refusal of treatment/end of life matters.
- Civil Restraining Orders.
- Preservation Orders.
- Urgent Orders in the nature of *habeas corpus*, *certiorari*, *mandamus* and *prohibition*.

c) **Surrogate Matters:**

- Emergency Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Orders, where there is a risk of harm to an individual or their property.

d) **Criminal Matters:**

- Detention and bail review Orders.
- Wiretap, Production and related Orders.

- Fresh arrest warrants.

**1. Urgent Matters Requiring Priority Attention as of March 23, 2020):**

Subject to the prior approval of a Justice or Master as the case may be, matters that do not rise to the level of the first priority, but must nevertheless proceed in a timely way in the context of a reduction in Court services. These matters include, but are not limited to:

- Arraignments for in-custody accused and *Jordan*-threatened cases.
- Criminal proceedings where there is a real risk to the fair and proper adjudication of the matter due to the passage of time and where there is consent to proceed by videoconference or audioconference.
- Urgent Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Orders.
- Urgent orders relating to parenting time, contact or communication with a child (that cannot reasonably be delayed).
- Urgent or time sensitive Commercial matters where there are immediate and significant financial consequences which may result if there is no judicial hearing.
- Urgent Surrogate Orders.
- Anton Piller or Mareva-type injunctions.
- Freezing Orders.