

The Court of Appeal of Alberta

Notice to the Profession

July 3, 2014

- 1. The October, 2014 date for Panel Applications in Edmonton is changed from Thursday, October 23, 2014 to Friday, October 24, 2014.
- 2. The 2015 Court of Appeal Sitting Dates are attached.
- 3. Part 14 of the Rules of Court which govern appellate practice has been amended. The new Appeal Rules were enacted on March 12, 2014 by O.C. 064/2014. They will be regulation A.R. 41/2014, and by their terms will be in force as of September 1, 2014.
- 4. The Consolidated Practice Directions have also been replaced effective September 1, 2014.
- 5. The new Rules and the new Consolidated Practice Directions will apply to all existing appeals as of September 1, 2014. However, by virtue of Rule 15.2(2), all steps validly taken under the former Rules carry the same effect under the new Rules.
- 6. The new Rules change the default appeal period from 20 days from the date of service of the judgment, order or decision under appeal to one month after the date of the decision. "Date of decision" is defined as the date that the judgment, order or other decision being appealed is made or, if reasons are subsequently given, the date the reasons are issued. (See R. 14.8(1) and (2)(a)(iii).) Rule 15.16(2) provides that until December 31, 2014, a notice of appeal or application for permission to

- appeal may be filed and served before the later of the deadline for filing under the old Rules and the deadline for filing under the new Rules.
- 7. The new Rules, Consolidated Practice Directions and a collection of prescribed and other commonly used appeal forms can be found on the Alberta Courts' website at www.albertacourts.ca under "Court of Appeal > Rules, Practice Directions and Notices" and "Court of Appeal > Publications & Forms".
- 8. Two years after the date hereof, this Notice will expire.

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NOTE: A copy of the Consolidated Practice Directions and Practice Notes can be found on the Alberta Courts' website at www.albertacourts.ab.ca/CourtofAppeal/RulesPracticeDirectionsNotices.

Certain precedents, checklists and forms can also be found on the Alberta Courts' website. As these documents are revised from time to time, please refer to the website for the most recent version.

2015 COURT OF APPEAL OF ALBERTA

SITTINGS OF THE COURT OF APPEAL OF ALBERTA FOR THE YEAR 2015 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

| Place of Sitting | General Appeal Hearings (includes Civil Appeal Hearing List) - Opening Day ¹ | Fast Track Appeals - Opening Day ^{1 & 2} | Sentence Appeals - First Day of Oral Argument 1 & 3 | Panel Applications ¹ |
|---------------------|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Edmonton | Mon. Jan. 5 | Mon. Jan. 5 | Tues. Jan. 20 | Thurs. Jan. 22 |
| Calgary | Mon. Jan. 12 | Mon. Jan 12 | Tues. Jan. 27 | Thurs. Jan. 22 |
| Edmonton | Mon. Feb. 2 | Mon. Feb. 2 | Wed. Feb. 18 | Thurs. Feb. 26 |
| Calgary | Mon. Feb. 9 | Mon. Feb. 9 | Tues. Feb. 24 | Thurs. Feb. 26 |
| Edmonton | Mon. Mar. 2 | Mon. Mar. 2 | Tues. Mar. 17 | Thurs. Mar. 19 |
| Calgary | Mon. Mar. 9 | Mon. Mar. 9 | Tues. Mar. 24 | Thurs. Mar. 19 |
| Edmonton | Mon. Mar. 30 | Mon. Mar. 30 | Tues. Apr. 14 | Thurs. Apr. 16 |
| Calgary | Tues. Apr. 7 | Tues. Apr. 7 | Tues. Apr. 21 | Thurs. Apr. 16 |
| Edmonton | Mon. Apr. 27 | Mon. Apr. 27 | Tues. May 12 | Thurs. May 14 |
| Calgary | Mon. May 4 | Mon. May 4 | Wed. May 20 | Thurs. May 14 |
| Calgary | Mon. June 1 | Mon. June 1 | Tues. June 16 | Thurs. June 18 |
| Edmonton | Mon. June 8 | Mon. June 8 | Tues. June 23 | Thurs. June 18 |
| Edmonton Calgary | Mon. July 13 ⁴ Mon. July 13 ⁴ | | | |
| Edmonton | Mon. Aug. 31 | Mon. Aug. 31 | Tues. Sept. 15 | Thurs. Sept. 17 |
| Calgary | Tues. Sept. 8 | Tues. Sept. 8 | Tues. Sept. 22 | Thurs. Sept. 17 |
| Edmonton | Mon. Oct. 5 | Mon. Oct. 5 | Tues. Oct. 20 | Thurs. Oct. 22 |
| Calgary | Tues. Oct. 13 | Tues. Oct. 13 | Tues. Oct. 27 | Thurs. Oct. 22 |
| Edmonton | Mon. Nov. 2 | Mon. Nov. 2 | Tues. Nov. 17 | Thurs. Nov. 19 |
| Calgary | Mon. Nov. 9 | Mon. Nov. 9 | Tues. Nov. 24 | Thurs. Nov. 19 |
| Edmonton | Mon. Nov. 30 | Mon. Nov. 30 | Tues. Dec. 15 | Thurs. Dec. 17 |
| Calgary | Mon. Dec. 7 | Mon. Dec. 7 | Tues. Dec. 15 | Thurs. Dec. 17 |

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¹ All sittings open at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise directed.

² Time frames will be calculated from the opening day of the sittings.

³ For purposes of calculating time frames, opening day is the Monday prior to the first day of oral argument, whether or not the Monday of that week is a holiday.

⁴ Limited to appeals - (1) Against sentence where the appellant is in custody and there is a reasonable possibility that the result of the appeal is that he or she might be released before the next regular sittings of the Court; (2) From conviction where the appellant is in custody and has been refused interim release pending appeal; (3) Such other cases which, because of urgency or special circumstances, are directed to be heard by order of a Judge of Appeal.

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SPEAKING TO THE LIST DATES FOR THE COURT OF APPEAL OF ALBERTA FOR THE YEAR 2015 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

| Place of Sitting | Criminal Speak To List - 10:00 a.m. ¹ | Unscheduled Civil Appeals List - 1:30 p.m. ² |
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| Calgary | Tues. Jan. 6 | Wed. Jan. 7 |
| Edmonton | Wed. Jan. 14 | Wed. Jan. 14 |
| Edmonton | Wed. May 6 | Wed. May 6 |
| Calgary | Tues. May 12 | Wed. May 13 |
| Edmonton | Wed. Sept. 9 | Wed. Sept. 9 |
| Calgary | Tues. Sept. 15 | Wed. Sept. 16 |

¹ Unless otherwise directed, the Criminal Speak To List will consist of all Criminal matters (excluding Sentence Appeals) where the notice of appeal is filed more than twenty (20) days prior to the speak to date.

² Unless otherwise ordered, the Unscheduled Civil Appeals List will consist of all Civil matters (excluding Fast Track appeals) where the appeal has not been scheduled for hearing before a) the earlier of two (2) months after the deadline for the filing of the last factum in the appeal and nine (9) months after the filing of the Notice of Appeal, or b) any deadline stipulated by the Case Management Officer or Single Appeal Judge (Rule 14.33(2)).