

NOTICE

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF MANITOBA

RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH RULES

On January 29, 2021, The Queen's Bench Statutory Rules Committee met and passed Queen's Bench Rule Amendments dealing with Rule 70 Family Division Amendments.

The Rule 70 Amendments are required:

1. To align with new *Divorce Act* amendments coming into force on March 1, 2021;
2. To facilitate the Joint Divorce Petition process; and
3. To improve the court process for family property cases.

The Rule amendments respecting the new *Divorce Act* address the replacement of a provisional order process with an ISO-like process which currently exists under provincial law for inter-jurisdictional support proceedings, use new terminology for "custody" and "access", impose new duties and responsibilities on parties and legal advisors, and permit non-spouses in certain circumstances to seek a parenting order or contact order if leave of the court is granted, among other matters.

The full text of the amendments, Manitoba Reg. 7/2021 can be located at:

<https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/annual/2021/007.pdf>

ISSUED BY:

"original signed by Justice Edmond"

The Honourable Justice James Edmond
Chair, Queen's Bench Rules Committee
(Manitoba)

DATE: February 4, 2021