

## NOTICE

### COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF MANITOBA WINNIPEG CENTRE

#### RE: FAMILY DIVISION – CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS

Effective March 1, 2021, the Central Registry of Divorce Proceedings (CRDP) Regulations will require the court to provide the CRDP specific information about the parties to a divorce proceeding, including their gender information. The CRDP uses the parties' gender information to:

- Detect duplicate divorce proceedings to assist courts in determining whether they have jurisdiction to hear a divorce proceeding under section 3 of the *Divorce Act*.
- Improve the accuracy of the duplicate detection process.
- Inform mandatory gender-based analysis of federal government activities and policy development.

If the parties' genders are *not* noted on their marriage certificate or if an undertaking is filed indicating the marriage certificate will be filed at a later date, the CRDP's Registration of Divorce Proceedings registration application form must be completed and filed with the court at the time the Petition for Divorce is filed. The information on the CRDP registration application form will be used by court staff to submit the request to the CRDP for the Certificate of Central Divorce Registry (CDR).

In order to maintain privacy of the information collected on the CRDP registration application form, it will be placed in the B-file and therefore be accessible only by the parties and their lawyers, if represented. Upon receipt of the CDR, the RDP registration application form will be removed from the B-file and destroyed.

An updated registration application form will be available on the CRDP website on March 1, 2021: <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/fl-df/divorce/crdp-bead.html>.

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