

NOTICE

COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF MANITOBA

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

On January 24, 2024, the Court of King's Bench Statutory Rules Committee approved Court of King's Bench Rule Amendments to King's Bench Rules 70 and 37.02(2)(g) and Form 70Z.

Amendments to Part I of the *Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Act* (Canada), R.S.C., 1985, c. 4 (2nd Supp.) and the *Release of Information for Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Regulations*, SOR/2023-125 came into force on November 15, 2023.

The Hague *Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance* will come into effect in Manitoba on February 1, 2024. Manitoba's implementing legislation, *The International Child Support and Family Maintenance (Hague Convention) Act*, C.C.S.M. c. I61 and the *International Child Support and Family Maintenance Regulation*, M.R. 56/2023 came into force on January 1, 2024. Related amendments to the *Divorce Act* come into force on February 1, 2024. The Convention is attached as a Schedule to both Manitoba's implementing legislation and the *Divorce Act*.

The King's Bench Rule Amendments relate to King's Bench Rules 70.01.2, 70.31(11)(f), subrule 70.24(4)(i), and Form 70Z for purposes of applications pursuant to the above legislation, and to Rule 37.02(2)(g) and subrules 70.03(2) and 70.24(4)(k) for minor housekeeping changes.

The full text of the amendments in Manitoba Regulation number 4/2024 can be located at:

https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/index_annual.php

The new Rules and Form come into force on February 1, 2024.

ISSUED BY:

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**The Honourable Associate Chief Justice Gwen B. Hatch
Chair, Court of King's Bench Statutory Rules Committee
(Manitoba)**

DATE: January 29, 2024