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## Publisher’s Special Release Note 2023

The pages in this work were reissued in November 2023 and updated to reflect that date in the release line. Please note that we did not review the content on every page of this work in the November 2023 release. We will continue to review and update the content according to the work’s publication schedule. This will ensure that subscribers are reading commentary that incorporates developments in the law as soon as possible after they have happened or as the author deems them significant.

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Dear Subscriber:

We are pleased to enclose update 2/24. Kindly review the pages and then insert the updated pages as set out on the Instruction Sheet. In addition to various housekeeping amendments, Highlights are set out below.

## Highlights

- **Titles and Descriptions** [section 2:8] - Revisions have been made to take into account Practice Direction 64 – Form of Address.
- **Notice of Case Planning Conference** [section 2:41] - Information has been added to the Background section regarding the court transitioning to a fully online booking system for case planning conferences beginning fall 2024.
- **Trial Brief** [section 2:89] - Information has been added to the Background section regarding the court transitioning to a fully online booking system for trial management conferences beginning fall 2024.
- **Electronic Devices in Court [Appendix 2M] and accompanying Schedule A Application for Authorization to Video Record or Broadcast Court Proceedings and Schedule B Consent to Video Recording or Broadcast of Court Proceedings** - Revisions have been made to account for the revisions to Practice Direction 48.
- **NEW Appendix 2S – Practice Direction 65 – Consent Adjournments** [App 2S] - This new Practice Direction has been added.
- **Arranging a Chambers Hearing** [section 3:4] - Information has been added to the Background section regarding the court transitioning to a fully online booking system for lengthy chambers hearings beginning fall 2024.
- **Arranging a Trial Date** [section 3:10] - Information has been added to the Background section regarding the court transitioning to a fully online booking system for trials in civil and family matters beginning fall 2024.
- **Practice Direction 64 – Form of Address** [section 3:13] - Revisions have been made to take into account that PD-59 has been repealed and PD-60 has been replaced with PD-64.
- **Associate Judges Chambers Pilot Project Notice** [section 3:14] - The Notice was updated on January 15, 2024.
- **Various** [various sections] - Various deletions and revisions have been made to account for the Practice Direction 28 being repealed and replaced by Practice Direction 65 and various sections of the *Supreme Court Rules*. Various additions and revisions have also been made to account for the updates to Administrative Notices 12 and 17 and Practice Directions 4, 26 and 50.

Further to Order in Council No. 85 dated February 26, 2024, and effective March 6, 2024, pronouns have been updated throughout the *Supreme Court Civil Rules*. The dating format has also changed in some forms. As a result, revisions have been made to the following (and their respective explanation pages):

### Forms

- Appointment to Examine for Discovery (Form 23) [section 2:51]
- Notice to Admit (Form 26) [section 2:55]
- Reply to Notice to Admit (Form 7) [section 2:56]
- Requisition - Chambers Practice (Form 30.01) [section 2:140]
- Subpoena to Witness (Form 25) [section 2:54]
- Writ of Seizure and Sale (Form 50) [section 2:117]
- Writ of Sequestration (Form 51) [section 2:118]
- jurat where deponent is unable to read [Appendix 2D]

### Supreme Court Civil Rules

- Rule 3-3 (7)
- Rule 3-5 (1.1)
- Rule 4-3 (2) (a) and (f) (i)
- Rule 4-6 (3)
- Rule 4-7 (1) (a) and (b)
- Rule 6-1 (5) (a) and (6) (a) [section 3:2]
- Rule 7-2 (1) (a), (8), (9), (16), (17), 18 (a), (19), (22), (23) and (25) [section 3:3]

- Rule 7-5 (4)
- Rule 8-2 (5)
- Rule 9-6 (3) (b)
- Rule 9-8 (3), (7) and (4)
- Rule 10-2 (4)
- Rule 11-2 (2)
- Rule 11-3 (4) (a) and (6) (b)
- Rule 11-5 (4) and (8)
- Rule 11-6 (1) (b) (f) and (8) (a)
- Rule 12-5 (38), (47), (54), (63) and (72) (a) and (b)
- Rule 13-2 (6), (8) and (24)
- Rule 13-3 (3), (13) and (21)
- Rule 13-4 (11) [section 3:12]
- Rule 14-1 (33) and (36)
- Rule 20-2 (2), (3), (7), (8) and (10)
- Rule 20-3 (4), (8) and (14)
- Rule 21-1 (32) (g) and (i)
- Rule 21-6 (3)
- Rule 21-7 (5) (b)
- Rule 22-2 (4), (6) and (7)
- Rule 22-6 (1)
- Rule 22-7 (5)
- Rule 25-2 (15)
- Rule 25-3 (6) (b) and (14) (a)
- Rule 25-4 (4)
- Rule 25-6 (4)
- Rule 25-7 (4)
- Rule 25-11 (5)
- Rule 25-12 (6)
- Rule 25-13 (6)

**NOTE #1:** Beginning in fall 2024, the court will be transitioning to a fully online booking system for Case Planning Conferences (CPCs), Judicial Case Conferences (JCCs), Trial Management Conferences (TMCs), trials and lengthy chambers hearings in civil and family matters. More information can be found in the Court Notice at [https://www.bccourts.ca/supreme\\_court/documents/Update\\_regarding\\_online\\_booking.pdf](https://www.bccourts.ca/supreme_court/documents/Update_regarding_online_booking.pdf)

**NOTE #2:** Practice Direction 63 – *TMCs, Trial Briefs, and Trial Certificates – Transitional Guidance* has been rescinded