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We are pleased to enclose update 2/23. 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

Requisition [p. 2.30] — AAdditions to the purpose section have been made to account for the new Rule 23.1-1 pursuant to Order in Council No. 619 dated November 25, 2022.

Notice of Application [p. 2.124] — The Preparation section has been amended to account for the updates to the Notice to the Profession Memorandum dated September 13, 2021, regarding some of the dates for booking lengthy chambers applications. Please note that bookings are still currently limited to one booking per call (instead of two).

<u>Affidavits [pp. 2.297 – 2.298]</u> — The "Exhibits" section has been updated with additional information regarding attaching exhibits to Affidavits to account for the revisions made to Rule 22-2(9).

Method of Attendance and Application Record [pp. 2.30, 3.16 & 3.38] — Part 23.1 — Method of Attendance and Application Record Pilot Projects (and new Rules 23.1-1 and 23.1-2) has been added pursuant to Order in Council No. 619 dated November 25, 2022.

Request to Appear Before a Specific Judge, Master or Registrar [pp. 2.158 – 2.159] — Revisions and additions have been made to the form and the explanation page to comply with updated Practice Direction 18.

<u>Request for Assignment of Judge (Class Proceedings Act)</u> [pp. 2-160 – 2.161] — Revisions and additions have been made to the Request and the explanation page to comply with updated Practice Direction 5, dated May 11, 2022.

<u>Arranging a Chambers Hearing [p. 3.09]</u> — The Background section has been amended to account for the updates to Administrative Notice 15 on March 15, 2023, regarding emergency after-hours applications in Vancouver.

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Arranging a Trial Date [p. 3.20 – 3.20(b)] — These pages have been amended to account for the updates in the Notices to the Profession dated June 10, 2020, regarding updates to some of the dates on which the trial calendars open for booking dates for MVA and civil trials in Vancouver.

<u>NEW – General Requirements for Microsoft Teams Video Hearings [pp. 3.38 – 3.42]</u> — These pages have been added to account for the new Administrative Notice 18, effective February 14, 2023, and which replaces COVID-19 Notice #47

<u>Authorizations for Release of Information [pp. 5.27 - 5.28]</u> — Revisions and additions have been made to the explanation pages in Section 5 to assist with document production (specifically with respect to MSP printouts, hospital records, and income tax returns).

[Updated & NEW] COVID-19 Notices, Announcements & Procedures [pp. 5.29 – 5.48] — Various revisions and rescissions have been made with respect to COVID-19 notices and orders (current to February 16, 2023). Refer to the index at page 5.30.