

In the Provincial Court of Alberta
Judicial District of Red Deer

Notice to Profession and Public

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

***Child Youth and Family Enhancement Act Scheduling
Procedures***

Custody Hearings (21.1) and Summary Judgment Hearings

Effective June 1, 2018 these will be scheduled for Thursday's at 11:00 a.m. in Courtroom 102 (as opposed to the previous 1:30 p.m. time slot). CYFEA matters will be given priority, and in the event that the Hearing is not concluded, or more than one matter is booked for that time, they will carry over to the afternoon.

Trials

The extreme delay in getting matters to Trial is unfair to the children in care, and is contrary to the spirit and intent of CYFEA. As such, the following policies will be followed to promote a more efficient and timely processing of applications:

1. A First JDR will be scheduled to be heard within one (1) month of filing an Application, provided that the guardians are opposing the Application. This JDR may be scheduled for any day of the week (not required to be Friday), which will provide more options for scheduling.
2. On the day of the JDR, if matters are not resolved, counsel will attend with the Trial Coordinator to obtain Trial dates, not to exceed 3 days (unless there are specific circumstances which warrant more days, as discussed in the JDR). A Pre-Trial Conference ("PTC") date will also be selected at that time. These dates will be confirmed on the Court record at the first Docket Court day following the JDR.
3. PTC #1 shall occur within three (3) months of the Application being filed. A second PTC date will be set at the conclusion of the first PTC.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2018

Hon. Assistant Chief Judge J.A. Hunter