



Alberta Court of Justice

Calgary Family & Youth Division

Practice Directive #9: Failing to Attend Judicial Dispute Resolutions

Effective: March 1, 2020

Effective March 1, 2020, when a matter has been set for Judicial Dispute Resolution (JDR) where one or more of the respondents has not filed a response, an Order will be generated containing the following clause:

This matter is set for Judicial Dispute Resolution (JDR) on [date] at [time] in Courtroom [courtroom #], at Calgary Courts Centre, 601 -5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta. The Respondent(s) must file and serve on the Applicant a Reply to the Applicant's Claim within 14 days of this Order.

If the Respondent fails to file and serve a Reply, the Court may proceed with the Applicant's Claim without the Respondent's evidence and shall make an Order based on the available evidence. If either party fails to attend the JDR, the Court may award costs against the party that does not attend. Following the JDR, the matter shall be spoken to on [date] at [time] in Courtroom [courtroom], at Calgary Courts Centre, 601 -5th Street SW, or as directed by the Court in Courtroom [courtroom #].

If this is a *Family Law Act* application and either party fails to attend the JDR, the Court may award costs against the party that does not attend. This is because the Court has directed that the JDR proceeds and participation in the JDR is no longer optional.