

NOTICE

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF MANITOBA

RE: FAMILY DIVISION – TITLE OF PROCEEDINGS – MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

Concern was raised respecting the use of names as they appear on marriage certificates.

Court Registry is responsible to accurately and effectively register divorce proceedings filed in Manitoba with Justice Canada's Central Registry of Divorce Proceedings. Granting a divorce may be delayed if the party names are not reflected properly in the title of proceedings.

When filing an initiating proceeding in the Court of Queen's Bench (Family Division), the petitioner must state the names of the petitioner and respondent by legal first, middle, and last name (ex. "John Joseph Smith"), regardless of the names that may appear on the petitioner's *Certificate of Marriage*.

If the name on the *Certificate of Marriage* differs from the legal name (ex. "John J. Smith"), this should be added to the party name using "AKA" (also known as) (ex. "John Joseph Smith, AKA John J. Smith"). This will ensure that the title of proceedings reflects the full legal name and the names as they appear on the marriage certificate.

If the names stated in the title of proceedings do not appear as noted above, the Deputy Registrar may reject the document(s).

ISSUED BY:

"Original signed by Amy Jackson"

**Amy Jackson, Provincial Registrar
(Manitoba)**

DATE: June 14, 2018