

# NOTICE

## COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF MANITOBA

### RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH RULES

On May 26, 2020, The Queen's Bench Statutory Rules Committee met and passed Queen's Bench Rule Amendments dealing with Rule 70 Family Division Amendments, and Rule 76 Small Claims Rules Amendments.

The Rule 70 Amendments are required:

1. To deal with the delivery of the For Sake of the Children Program and the fact that it is now available online;
2. To address amendments to acts and new acts that were passed on July 1, 2019, including: *The Arbitration Act*, *The Family Maintenance Act*, and *The Child Support Service Act*. The *Child Support Service Act* was proclaimed and came into force on July 1, 2020;
3. To deal with the modernization of Family Law in Manitoba and address changes to the maintenance enforcement program;
4. To further refine what is in and what is out of the Family Division Case Flow Model;
5. To address the enforcement of prerequisites and allow for further sanctions available to Masters hearing motions.

The amendments to Rule 76 are consistent with *The Courts Modernization Act (Various Acts Amended)*, S.M. 2019, c. 16 which came into force on July 1, 2020. The amendments address filing statements of defence, counter-claims and entering default. The rules also address setting aside default.

The full text of the amendments, Manitoba Reg. Nos. 42/2020 and 43/2020, can be located at:

<https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/annual/2020/042.pdf>

<https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/annual/2020/043.pdf>

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The Honourable Justice James Edmond  
Chair, Queen's Bench Rules Committee  
(Manitoba)

DATE: July 2, 2020