

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

MANDATORY LITIGATION PLANS IN CIVIL (NON-FAMILY) CASES

Effective September 1, 2025, all parties to a civil (non-family) case, including cases which have not been categorized as complex per R.4.5(1) of the *Alberta Rules of Court*, must agree on and file a case litigation plan within four months from the service of the first Statement of Defence. This requirement applies to actions commenced by way of Statement of Claim on or after September 1, 2025.

A template case litigation plan is available on the Court's website, here:
<https://www.albertacourts.ca/docs/default-source/qb/litigation-plan-for-npp.docx>.

It is the Court's expectation that case litigation plans will reflect the imperative of timely and efficient resolution embedded in Rule 1.2 of the *Alberta Rules of Court* and will, absent exceptional circumstances, set out a path to trial within 36 months.

If no agreement is reached on a case litigation plan within four months, the parties are expected to bring an application before an Applications Judge to resolve any disputes and to finalize the litigation plan.