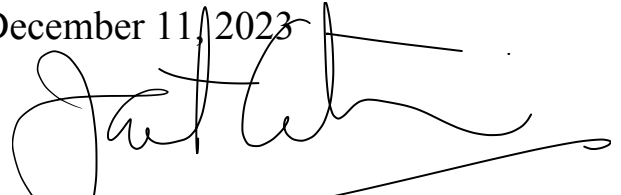


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ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 695

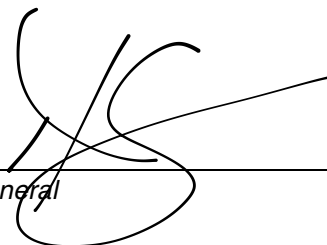
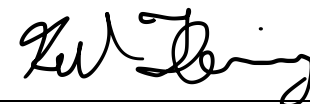
, Approved and Ordered December 11, 2023


Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that,

- (a) effective January 15, 2024, sections 1 to 15 of the *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2023*, S.B.C. 2023, c. 47, are brought into force,
- (b) effective January 15, 2024, the Supreme Court Civil Rules, B.C. Reg. 168/2009, are amended as set out in the attached Schedule 1,
- (c) effective January 15, 2024, the Supreme Court Family Rules, B.C. Reg. 169/2009, are amended as set out in the attached Schedule 2, and
- (d) effective January 15, 2024, the amendments set out in the attached Schedule 3 are made.


Attorney General
Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: *Court Rules Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 80, s. 1; *Evidence Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 124, s. 19; *Public Service Benefit Plan Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 386, s. 7; *Unclaimed Property Act*, S.B.C. 1999, c. 48, s. 17

Other: *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 3), 2023*, S.B.C. 2023, c. 47, s. 119

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SCHEDULE 1

- 1 **Rule 13-3 (10) (d) of the Supreme Court Civil Rules, B.C. Reg. 168/2009, is amended by striking out** “a master or registrar, he or she may make a report of his or her findings” **and substituting** “an associate judge or registrar, the examiner may make a report of the examiner’s findings”.
- 2 **Rule 18-1 (10) is repealed and the following substituted:**

Opinion of the court

- (10) Before the associate judge, registrar or special referee has concluded a hearing of an inquiry, assessment or accounting, the associate judge, registrar or special referee may, in a summary or other manner, ask the opinion of the court on any matter arising in the hearing.

- 3 **Rule 23-6 is amended by repealing the heading and substituting the following:**

RULE 23-6 – ASSOCIATE JUDGES, REGISTRARS AND SPECIAL REFEREES .

- 4 **Appendix A is amended**

- (a) **in Forms 8 and 21 by striking out** “[judge/master]” **and substituting** “[judge/associate judge]”,
- (b) **in Forms 17.1, 19.1 and 20.1 by striking out** “(to be completed by a judge, master or registrar)” **and substituting** “(to be completed by a judge, associate judge or registrar)”,
- (c) **in Forms 17.1, 19.1 and 20.1 by striking out** “Judge/Master/Registrar” **and substituting** “Judge/Associate Judge/Registrar”,
- (d) **in Forms 21 and 34 by striking out** “A MASTER OF THE COURT” **and substituting** “AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE COURT”,
- (e) **in Forms 27, 35, 77 and 79 by striking out** “or MASTER” **and substituting** “or ASSOCIATE JUDGE”,
- (f) **in Forms 30.01, 33.1 and 117.1 by striking out** “Judge/Master” **and substituting** “Judge/Associate Judge”,
- (g) **in Forms 32 and 66 by striking out** “[] Master” **and substituting** “[] Associate Judge”,
- (h) **in Form 33.1 by striking out** “judge/master” **wherever it appears and substituting** “judge/associate judge”,
- (i) **in Form 35 by striking out** “or A MASTER OF THE COURT” **and substituting** “or AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE COURT”,

- (j) *in Form 47.1 by striking out “MASTER/JUSTICE” and substituting “ASSOCIATE JUDGE/JUSTICE”,*
 - (k) *in Form 49 by striking out “[Mr. Justice, Madam Justice or Master]” wherever it appears and substituting “[Justice or Associate Judge]” and by striking out “Master, Registrar or Special Referee” and substituting “Associate Judge, Registrar or Special Referee”,*
 - (l) *in Form 117.1 by striking out “Signature of Judge or Master” and substituting “Signature of Judge or Associate Judge”, and*
 - (m) *in Form 121 by striking out “NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM MASTER, REGISTRAR OR SPECIAL REFEREE” and substituting “NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM ASSOCIATE JUDGE, REGISTRAR OR SPECIAL REFEREE” and by striking out “name of master” and substituting “name of associate judge”.*
- 5 *Appendix A.1 is amended*
- (a) *in Form P31 by striking out “or MASTER” and substituting “or ASSOCIATE JUDGE” and by striking out “or A MASTER OF THE COURT” and substituting “or AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE COURT”, and*
 - (b) *in Forms P42 and P43 by striking out “[] Master” and substituting “[] Associate Judge”.*
- 6 *Appendix B is amended in the description in Item 25 of the Tariff by striking out “a master, registrar or special referee” and substituting “an associate judge, registrar or special referee”.*

SCHEDULE 2

- 1 *Rule 15-6 (10) (d) of the Supreme Court Family Rules, B.C. Reg. 169/2009, is amended by striking out “a master or registrar, he or she may make a report of his or her findings” and substituting “an associate judge or registrar, the examiner may make a report of the examiner’s findings”.*
- 2 *Rule 18-1 (10) is repealed and the following substituted:*

Opinion of the court

- (10) Before the associate judge, registrar or special referee has concluded a hearing of an inquiry, assessment or accounting, the associate judge, registrar or special referee may, in a summary or other manner, ask the opinion of the court on any matter arising in the hearing.

3 *The heading to Rule 22-7 is repealed and the following substituted:*

**RULE 22-7 – ASSOCIATE JUDGES, REGISTRARS
AND SPECIAL REFEREES .**

4 *Appendix A is amended*

- (a) *in Forms F18.1, F19.1 and F32.01 by striking out “(to be completed by a judge, master or registrar)” and substituting “(to be completed by a judge, associate judge or registrar)” and by striking out “Judge/Master/Registrar” and substituting “Judge/Associate Judge/Registrar”,*
- (b) *in Forms F19.4, F33 and F34 by striking out “A MASTER OF THE COURT” and substituting “AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE COURT”,*
- (c) *in Form F19.4 by striking out “[judge/master]” and substituting “[judge/associate judge]”,*
- (d) *in Forms F25, F51, F51.1, F51.2, F52, F54, F54.1, F54.2, F83 and F85 by striking out “or MASTER” and substituting “or ASSOCIATE JUDGE”,*
- (e) *in Forms F31 and F73 by striking out “[] Master” and substituting “[] Associate Judge”,*
- (f) *in Forms F32.001, F32.1 and F94.1 by striking out “Judge/Master” and substituting “Judge/Associate Judge”,*
- (g) *in Form F32.1 by striking out “judge/master” wherever it appears and substituting “judge/associate judge”,*
- (h) *in Forms F51 and F52 by striking out “or A MASTER OF THE COURT” and substituting “or AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE COURT”,*
- (i) *in Form F54.1 by striking out “name of justice or master” and substituting “name of justice or associate judge”,*
- (j) *in Form F55 by striking out “[Mr. Justice, Madam Justice or Master]” wherever it appears and substituting “[Justice or Associate Judge]” and by striking out “Master, Registrar or Special Referee” and substituting “Associate Judge, Registrar or Special Referee”,*
- (k) *in Form F94.1 by striking out “Signature of Judge or Master” and substituting “Signature of Judge or Associate Judge”, and*
- (l) *in Form F98 by striking out “NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM MASTER, REGISTRAR OR SPECIAL REFEREE” and substituting “NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM ASSOCIATE JUDGE, REGISTRAR OR SPECIAL REFEREE” and by striking out “name of master” and substituting “name of associate judge”.*

SCHEDULE 3

- 1** *The regulations listed in Column 1 of Table 1 are amended in the provisions listed opposite them in Column 2 by striking out “a master” wherever it appears and substituting “an associate judge”.*
- 2** *The regulations listed in Column 1 of Table 2 are amended in the provisions listed opposite them in Column 2 by striking out “A master” wherever it appears and substituting “An associate judge”.*
- 3** *The regulations listed in Column 1 of Table 3 are amended in the provisions listed opposite them in Column 2 by striking out “master” wherever it appears and substituting “associate judge”.*
- 4** *The regulations listed in Column 1 of Table 4 are amended in the provisions listed opposite them in Column 2 by striking out “masters” wherever it appears and substituting “associate judges”.*
- 5** *The regulations listed in Column 1 of Table 5 are amended in the provisions listed opposite them in Column 2 by striking out “or master” wherever it appears and substituting “or associate judge”.*
- 6** *The regulations listed in Column 1 of Table 6 are amended in the provisions listed opposite them in Column 2 by striking out “the master” wherever it appears and substituting “the associate judge”.*

TABLE 1 – References to “a master”

Column 1 Regulation	Column 2 Provision
Supreme Court Civil Rules, B.C. Reg. 168/2009	Rule 1-1 (1) in the definitions of “court” and “special referee” Rule 8-1 (21.1) (a) (v) Rule 8-3 (2) (a) Rule 9-7 (13) Rule 13-3 (5) (b), (8) (e) and (11) Rule 16-1 (16.1) (a) (v) Rule 17-1 (3) (a) (ii) and (b) and (4) Rule 18-1 (1) Rule 22-1 (1) (d) Rule 23-5 (2) Rule 23-6 (1), (6), (8.1) and (11) Form 32 in Appendix A Form 68 in Appendix A Form P42 in Appendix A.1
Supreme Court Family Rules, B.C. Reg. 169/2009	Rule 1-1 (1) in the definition of “court” Rule 10-3 (1) (c) Rule 10-6 (19.1) (a) (v) Rule 10-7 (2) (a) Rule 11-3 (13) Rule 15-6 (5) (b), (8) (e) and (11) Rule 17-1 (16.1) (a) (v) Rule 18-1 (1) Rule 22-6 (2) Rule 22-7 (1), (6), (8.1) and (11) Form F31 in Appendix A Form F75 in Appendix A

TABLE 2 – References to “A master”

Column 1 Regulation	Column 2 Provision
Supreme Court Civil Rules, B.C. Reg. 168/2009	Rule 18-1 (5) and (8) Rule 23-6 (2)
Supreme Court Family Rules, B.C. Reg. 169/2009	Rule 18-1 (5) and (8) Rule 22-7 (2) and (3)

TABLE 3 – References to “master”

Column 1 Regulation	Column 2 Provision
Court Funds Regulation, B.C. Reg. 37/2005	section 1 in paragraph (b) of the definition of “judicial officer”
Sound Recording Regulations, B.C. Reg. 249/78	section 5 (g) section 6 (1) (b) section 7
Supreme Court Civil Rules, B.C. Reg. 168/2009	Form 30.01 in Appendix A

TABLE 4 – References to “masters”

Column 1 Regulation	Column 2 Provision
Extended Health Care and Dental Plans Regulation, B.C. Reg. 403/97	section 2 (j)
Group Life Insurance Regulation (No. 1), B.C. Reg. 408/97	section 2 (o)
Long Term Disability Plan Regulation, B.C. Reg. 409/97	Schedule A

TABLE 5 – References to “or master”

Column 1 Regulation	Column 2 Provision
Supreme Court Civil Rules, B.C. Reg. 168/2009	Rule 3-8 (8) Rule 5-2 (1) and (6) Rule 5-3 (1), (2), (3), (5) and (8) Rule 8-3 (2) (a) and (3) Rule 8-6 (1) (a) Rule 9-2 (1) Rule 12-1.1 (4) Rule 12-2 (2), (7), (9), (10) and (11) Rule 12-5 (59) Rule 13-1 (2), (7) and (11) Rule 14-1 (7) (a), (b) and (c) Rule 15-1 (9) and (14) Rule 17-1 (3) (a) (ii) and (b), (4) and (5) Rule 23-6 (7) Rule 25-3 (24) Form 32 in Appendix A Form P42 in Appendix A.1

Column 1 Regulation	Column 2 Provision
Supreme Court Family Rules, B.C. Reg. 169/2009	Rule 7-1 (12), (17) and (18) Rule 7-2 (1) Rule 7.1-2 (1) and (6) Rule 7.1-3 (1), (2), (3), (5) and (8) Rule 10-7 (2) (a) and (3) Rule 14-2.1 (4) Rule 14-3 (2), (5), (9), (10) and (11) Rule 14-7 (59) Rule 15-1 (4), (8) and (12) Rule 16-1 (5) (a), (b) and (c) Rule 16-2 (3) (a), (b) and (c) Rule 17-1 (25) and (26) Rule 22-1 (8) Rule 22-7 (7) Form F19 in Appendix A Form F31 in Appendix A Form F32.001 in Appendix A

TABLE 6 – References to “the master”

Column 1 Regulation	Column 2 Provision
Supreme Court Civil Rules, B.C. Reg. 168/2009	Rule 18-1 (2) Rule 23-6 (6), (8.8) (b) (iv), (v), (vii) and (viii) and (11)
Supreme Court Family Rules, B.C. Reg. 169/2009	Rule 18-1 (2) Rule 22-7 (6), (8.8) (b) (iv), (v), (vii) and (viii) and (11)