Nova Scotia Civil Procedure Rules Amendment May 11, 2017

- 1. The table of contents is amended to change the page numbers to match the amended text and the title "Rule 76A Quieting Titles" is added.
- 2. The numerals and parentheses (1), (2), and (3) of Rule 5.18 are made bold.
- 3. The words of Rule 26.02(1) are replaced with the following:
 - (1) A judge may order the prothonotary to appoint a case management judge to assist in managing a proceeding.
- 4. Rule 30.01(5) is added as follows:
 - (5) A prothonotary may direct a party who makes a motion to the prothonotary to make the motion to a judge in chambers or otherwise as the prothonotary and the party agree or, failing agreement, as the prothonotary directs.
- 5. Paragraphs (g) and (h) of Rule 61.05 are re-lettered (h) and (i) and the following Rule 61.05(g) is added:
 - (g) for the adoption of a person under sixteen information about whether the person is, or is entitled to be, a Mi'kmaq child within the meaning of the *Children and Family Services Act*;
- 6. Rules 62.15(2) and (3) are renumbered (3) and (4) and the following Rule 62.15(2) is added to Rule 62 District Family Rules:
 - (2) The agreement may be in the form of draft orders to which the parties have endorsed their consent or a separate agreement in writing.
- 7. The first of the following is added before "support for a child who is nineteen years of age or older" in Rule 62.17(1) under the title "claim" and the second under the title "statement":

support for a child when the parties have, or a party claims, shared parenting

by both parties, a statement of income of the party and of all members of that party's household who earn income, a statement of expenses for the household, and a statement of expenses attributable to the child.

- 8. Rules 62.17(3) and (4) are renumbered (4) and (5) and the following Rule 62. 17(3) is added to Rule 62 District Family Rules:
 - (3) A party who claims or responds to a claim for child support when the parties have, or a party claims, shared parenting must also file copies of the income tax return and income tax assessment of all members of that party's household who earn income.
- 9. The attached Rule 76A Quieting Titles is added after Rule 75 Injunction.
- 10. A dash is added between "Rule 26" and "Conference" in Rule 86.02(2).
- 11. The following paragraph 9 is added under "Grounds for order" in Form 61.02:
 - 9 [The child is, or is entitled to be, a Mi'kmaq child and a cultural connection plan has been developed.]
- 12. The following paragraphs 10 and 11 are added to Form 61.05B:
 - 10 [The child is, or is entitled to be, a Mi'kmaq child.]
 - 11 [A cultural connection plan has been developed, details of which are as follows:

13. The following is added as the forth recital in Form 61.07, a form of adoption order:

[The person sought to be adopted is under sixteen, is or is entitled to be a Mi'kmaq child, and is the subject of a cultural connection plan.]

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14. The sentence, "A judge gave permission for this motion by order dated the 20 ." is removed from the paragraph titled "Motion" in Form 89.05 – Notice of Motion for a Contempt Order.

Certificate

I, Joseph P. Kennedy, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, certify that on May 11, 2017, a majority of the judges of the court made the foregoing amendments to the *Nova Scotia Civil Procedure Rules*.

Signed May 11, 2017

Joseph P. Kennedy

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

of Nova Scotia

Rule 76A - Quieting Titles

Scope of Rule 76A

- **76A.01(1)** This Rule adapts procedures under the *Quieting Titles Act* to the *Nova Scotia Civil Procedure Rules*.
 - (2) This Rule permits a claim for a certificate of title under the *Quieting Titles Act* to be started by notice of action or by notice of application in court.
 - (3) To the extent this Rule 76A modifies procedures provided in the *Quieting Titles Act*, the Rule is made for the purposes of Section 49 of the *Judicature Act*.

Interpretation

76A.02(1) The following words or phrases in the *Quieting Titles Act* include the following words or phrases in these Rules:

Act	Rules
action	application in court
apply for	move for
counterclaimant	defendant who counterclaims or crossclaims in an action and respondent who files a notice of claim in an application
defence	notice of defence in an action and notice of contest in an application
defendant	respondent
give notice of trial	request a date assignment conference
originating notice	notice of action or notice of application in court
plaintiff	applicant
trial	hearing.

(2) The requirement in the Act that a party who starts a proceeding for a certificate of title must apply for directions is fulfilled by moving for directions in one of the following ways:

- (a) in an action, making a motion for directions under Rule 23 Chambers Motion, Rule 25 Motion by Appointment, or Rule 26 Conference;
- (b) in an application, following the provisions of Rule 5 Application for a motion for directions.
- (3) The motion for directions in an action must be scheduled as with motions requiring a half-day or less but more than a half-hour, unless a judge orders otherwise.

Directions

- 76A.03(1) Rule 5.13 of Rule 5 Application applies to a motion for directions in an action, and the powers mentioned in that Rule apply to the extent they are consistent with Section 9 of the Act.
 - (2) A judge who makes a reference under Section 9 of the Act may adjourn the hearing of the motion for directions until after the referee reports.