



*The Honourable Chief Justice Bauman
The Supreme Court of British Columbia*

NOTICE

Measures to Address Problems with Chambers at VLC

Over the last year, the volume of chambers applications at Vancouver Law Courts has increased dramatically with various impacts: matters are being bumped, continuations are not getting on, early hearing dates are less available.

New Measures to be Implemented October 3, 2011

In an effort to ameliorate the current situation and deploy our judicial resources effectively, the following changes will be implemented as of October 3, 2011:

1. Registry staff will be directed to strike matters from the hearing list where the application record is not provided to the registry by 4 p.m. on the business day that is one full business day before the date set for the hearing.
2. The masters list will be split into civil and family chambers and an additional master will be scheduled to preside on a daily basis where the number of applications warrants.
3. Matters under 2 hours that are within the jurisdiction of a judge will be directed to courtroom 31. The SC Scheduling Managers will consult with the presiding judge to manage referrals as judges become available.
4. Additions to the list including short leave applications and urgent matters will be sent up to the judge or masters courtrooms as before, and will be

heard in order of priority which the judge or master considers appropriate having regard to other matters on the list.

am hopeful that these changes, albeit modest ones, may improve the current situation.



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Chief Justice

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