



THE PROVINCIAL COURT  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Effective Date: *17 May 2021*  
**FAM 03** *Revisions in red*

## PRACTICE DIRECTION

### SCHEDULING OF CONTINUATIONS

#### Purpose

To ensure trials or hearings, once commenced, are concluded within a reasonable time.

#### Application

This practice direction applies to family law and child protection matters in all court locations in the Province.

#### Directions

1. When a scheduled trial or hearing has not been completed in the time provided it will be scheduled to conclude within **30 days** unless otherwise approved by the relevant Regional Administrative Judge or Local Liaison Judge (where applicable) on advice of the local Judicial Case Manager.

#### History of Practice Direction

- Original practice direction dated February 09, 2007.
- Amended practice direction dated February 23, 2015 (changes to wording and formatting only).
- January 8, 2020: Housekeeping update to remove “duration” section as contained information duplicated in “History of Practice Direction” section.
- *May 17, 2021: Authority statement amended to be consistent with the new *Provincial Court Family Rules* that came into force May 17, 2021.*

I make this practice direction pursuant to my authority under the *Provincial Court Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 379, and the *Provincial Court Family Rules*, B.C. Reg. [120/2020](#).

**Melissa Gillespie**  
Chief Judge  
Provincial Court of British Columbia