

# ARCANA(AB)

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ARCANA (AB), the appointed Nominating Authority for construction adjudication in the province of Alberta, is pleased to share its second newsletter of 2025 with some important updates. ARCANA (AB) is a partnership between the ADR Institute of Alberta (ADRIA), the ADR Institute of Canada (ADRIC), and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). For more details, visit our website [ARCANA Prompt Payment](#).



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***The ARCANA (AB) 2025 Annual Report was released in June. The annual report of 2023/2024 is also available.***  
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## What is Adjudication?

Adjudication is an expedited dispute resolution process designed to resolve construction disputes quickly and cost effectively. An independent Adjudicator, appointed by a Nominating Authority, decides the matter under a strict timetable—usually within one month of receiving both parties' submissions.

## Adjudication Activity (May 2025 – July 2025)

Number of Applications (Notices)  
received - 15 notices

Geographic –Spread: across 6  
municipalities

Value of Claims - Most claims were  
in Tier 2 (\$15,000 - \$100,000), with  
some Tier 3 and Tier 4 cases.

Outcomes - A number of cases  
have resulted in a Determination  
and Order, with the remainder still  
in progress.

## Recent Developments

- i. **Adjudication Roster:** ARCANA now has a roster of 16 adjudicators with expertise spanning the legal and construction sectors.
- ii. **Testimonials:** We've received encouraging feedback from parties involved in adjudication with testimonials, reflecting the value and impact of our work.
- iii. **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):** A new set of FAQs- to assist our members, now available on our [website](#)
- iv. **ADRIA Leadership:** ADRIA has welcomed a new Executive Director, [Dr. Lewie Moodley](#).



## Continuing Professional Development

ARCANA delivered its second professional development workshop of the year for its members in June and a third CPD is scheduled for October 15, 2025.

## Adjudication – User Overview Orientation Training for Stakeholders

We are planning to host a stakeholder orientation session on 5<sup>th</sup> November. This will provide an overview of Construction Adjudication, our role in the construction adjudication process, and the resources available to the industry. It will be a great opportunity for participants to learn more, ask questions, and connect with others in the field. Registration details will be released soon.

**Looking Ahead:** We will continue building awareness of adjudication across Alberta and supporting stakeholders with guidance, training, and accessible resources.

## Industry Outreach

ARCANA (AB) is preparing for a fall meeting with Construction Sector Advisory Council (CSAC). Construction sector consultations are an important element of the program and we are increasingly reliant upon the sector to provide promotional opportunities. ARCANA members will be speaking about construction adjudication in an upcoming webinar on August 28th, providing valuable insights and fostering greater awareness within the industry. **Looking for speakers?** ARCANA is available to speak at your next industry event, trade show, or team meeting. Please contact [us](#) at to discuss further.

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