



ARCANA(AB)

Construction Adjudication supporting Alberta's PPCLA

ARCANA (AB), an appointed Nominating Authority for construction adjudication in the province of Alberta, is pleased to release its third newsletter for 2025 with some key updates. ARCANA (AB) functions as 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 detail and information about ARCANA, visit our website https://adralberta.com/prompt-payment/

What is Adjudication?

Adjudication is a form of expedited dispute resolution used to resolve construction disputes quickly and cost effectively. Adjudication is a fast, straightforward process where an independent Adjudicator, appointed by a Nominating Authority, resolves disputes under a strict timetable—usually within one month of receiving both parties' submissions.

Notable Developments

- i. ARCANA released a <u>A Guide to Section 19</u>
 <u>Adjudication Matters Under the Prompt</u>
 <u>Payment Regulation</u>
- ii. ARCANA (AB) saw a growth in construction payment disputes being brought to adjudication.
- iii. ARCANA (AB) is actively promoting construction adjudication to educate the construction sector about how the adjudication process works. This is important for uptake: more industry players learning about the system means more likely to use it. iv. The <u>FAQs</u> on our website have been updated and have proven to be beneficial.

Adjudicator - Continuing Professional Development

ARCANA conducted the third professional development workshop of the year for its members on October 15th 2025.

HIGHLIGHTS

(AUGUST - NOVEMBER)

NUMBER OF
APPLICATIONS (NOTICES)
16

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Spread across 7 municipalities

VALUE OF CLAIMS

Majority Tier 2 (\$15,000 – \$100,000) and Tier 3 (\$100,001 – \$500,000) a few in Tier 1

OUTCOMES

Most of the files are in progress





Adjudication - Industry Outreach

Over the past three months, ARCANA (AB) has been actively engaged in industry outreach, with our members attending various conferences, webinars, and sector sessions to raise awareness about construction adjudication. These engagements have provided valuable opportunities to share insights, connect with industry stakeholders, and further strengthen understanding of the adjudication process across the construction sector.

Got an audience? We've got insights!

ARCANA is ready to participate in your upcoming industry events, conferences, or team sessions to help build awareness and understanding of adjudication. Please contact us at arcana@adralberta.com to discuss further;

Adjudication – User Overview Orientation Training for Stakeholders 2025

ARCANA recently hosted its orientation session on November 5th, 2025, providing an informative overview of Construction Adjudication, ARCANA's role in the process, and the resources available to industry members. The session was highly successful and well-received, offering participants valuable insights and an opportunity to ask questions and engage in meaningful discussion. We were pleased to see strong participation and interest from across the sector, reflecting the growing awareness and importance of adjudication within the construction industry.

ARCANA welcomes new entrants into the Alberta adjudication sector

Alberta's legislation is unique in Canada in that it provides for multiple nominating authorities (NAs) offering adjudication services. While ARCANA has been the sole provider of PPCLA adjudication services since the legislation came into effect, ARCANA(AB) understands that an announcement regarding the appointment of a second nominating authority, ADACC, may be imminent. ARCANA(AB) congratulates ADACC on this appointment and looks forward to working collaboratively with ADACC, Government and the Construction Sector to enhance the legislation and delivery of adjudication services. Albertans will have more choices in the future, and ARCANA is committed to offering the best trained and most experienced adjudicators. Through its affordable fee schedule, which has been for some time, and continues to be, under review regarding possible amendment, ARCANA is committed to ensuring that adjudication services remain accessible to all those facing contract and payment disputes in Alberta.



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