

ARCANA(AB) FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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NEWS UPDATE! UPDATED FEE SCHEDULE

ARCANA is pleased to share that our fee schedule has been updated to better reflect our services and support our ongoing commitment to quality and excellence.

With over two years experience under our belt, ARCANA(AB) is positioned to offer the lowest possible fees.

Construction Adjudication Supporting the PPCLA(Prompt Payment Construction Lien Act) of Alberta

ARCANA (AB), an appointed Nominating Authority for construction adjudication in the province of Alberta, is pleased to release its first newsletter for 2026 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](#).

What is Adjudication?

Adjudication is a form of expedited dispute resolution used to resolve construction disputes quickly and cost effectively. As laid out in Provincial legislation, adjudication is the preferred dispute resolution mechanism for construction sector disputes that cannot otherwise be resolved by the parties.

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.



Why Choose **ARCANA**

Affordable Fee Structure

Experienced Roster Members

Timely and Efficient Adjudication Services

Industry-Recognized Expertise



Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) to stay updated on news, events, and information.

Adjudication – Industry Awareness Session

Building on the success of its previous orientation session, ARCANA is planning another in-person industry session in Calgary focused on construction adjudication. This session is intended to support industry with a clearer understanding of the adjudication process and encourage broader sector engagement. The session will include a brief presentation on the wider scope of adjudication, highlighting its relevance beyond payment disputes, as well as an overview of Section 19. The session is scheduled for February 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch.

If you are interested in attending this session, please email us at arcana@adrAlberta.com.

Adjudicator – Continuing Professional Development

ARCANA is planning its first professional development workshop of the year for its roster adjudicators in March. More details will be sent out soon.



Here is a snapshot of activity under Alberta's Prompt Payment and Construction Lien Act (PPCLA) over the past two months, giving an indication of how the system is functioning in practice:

HIGHLIGHTS
(DECEMBER- JANUARY)

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS (NOTICES)
9

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
Spread across 5 municipalities

VALUE OF CLAIMS
Majority Tier 2 (\$15,000 - \$100,000) and Tier 3 (\$100,001 - \$500,000)

OUTCOMES
Most of the files are actively progressing through the statutory timelines.



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This indicates that PPCLA adjudication continues to be used primarily for mid-range payment disputes — exactly the categories the legislation aimed to address efficiently.



This demonstrates that the 28-day decision framework is functioning and that parties are engaging with adjudication early in the payment dispute process.

The PPCLA was introduced to improve payment flow and reduce delays in Alberta's construction sector.

These figures show increasing confidence in the adjudication mechanism, particularly for mid-value disputes where traditional litigation or arbitration may be too slow or costly.

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