



ARCANA (AB) NEWSLETTER

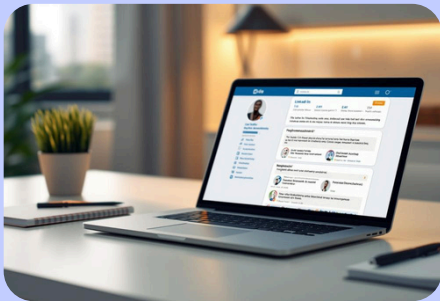
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CONSTRUCTION ADJUDICATION SUPPORTING THE PPCLA(PROMPT PAYMENT CONSTRUCTION LIEN ACT) OF ALBERTA

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](#).



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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.



ADJUDICATOR – CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ARCANA is planning a professional development workshop for its roster adjudicators and members on October 19, 2026.



ADJUDICATION – INDUSTRY AWARENESS SESSION

As part of its continued efforts to raise awareness and expand industry understanding of construction adjudication, ARCANA will be hosting an Adjudication 101 Lunch & Learn session on November 3, 2026.

This introductory session is designed to provide participants with a practical overview of construction adjudication in Alberta. The session will also provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions and gain a clearer understanding of adjudication as an effective dispute resolution option for the construction industry.

Interested in attending? Please see the event flyer on the next page for full session details and registration information.

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT ADJUDICATION

Adjudication is for large disputes only

Reality: It is suitable for disputes of all sizes.

Adjudication is too expensive

Reality: It is often faster and more cost-effective than litigation.

Decisions aren't binding

Reality: Decisions are enforceable and usually must be complied with immediately.

You need lawyers to participate

Reality: Parties can participate with or without legal representation.

ARCANA (AB): CONSTRUCTION ADJUDICATION IN ALBERTA



Want to know more about Construction Adjudication?

Join ARCANA (AB) for a free, practical introduction.

A one-hour webinar covering:

- ARCANA (AB) and its role in construction adjudication
- Alberta's adjudication framework
- How the adjudication process works in practice
- What to expect from a construction adjudication
- Live Q&A with adjudicators.

November 3rd 2026

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Who should attend:

Owners • Contractors • Sub-Contractors •
Consultants • Project Managers •
Commercial Professionals • Advisers

Register Now





CONSTRUCTION ADJUDICATION TRAINING PROGRAM 2026: MODULE 2

An intense two-day program designed for prospective adjudication party representatives, counsel, advocates and legal and built environment professionals for whom a more detailed understanding of construction adjudication will be beneficial for their work in advising clients.

It provides participants with a solid understanding of the procedure and law of adjudication. Learn how to collate evidence and prepare written submissions for an adjudication, how to present oral evidence should a hearing be needed, how to manage clients' expectations, what to do with a decision once delivered, how to get the decision enforced, and what to do if the decision is challenged. It also provides a specific focus on conflicts of interest, ethics, and jurisdictional points that they might need to make on behalf of their clients.

Interested in Learning More?

Interested in taking your understanding of construction adjudication further? Explore the full program details and upcoming training opportunities below.

Training Program 2026





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

HIGHLIGHTS

(JULY - SEPTEMBER)

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS (NOTICES)
17



This reflects steady use of the PPCLA adjudication process by parties seeking timely payment or dispute resolution.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
Spread across 6 municipalities



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VALUE OF CLAIMS
Majority Tier 1
(Under \$25,000) and Tier 3
(\$100,001 - \$500,000)



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

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



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

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