

NEW CASE MANAGEMENT MASTER APPOINTED TO TORONTO**NEWS**

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The province has appointed a new case management master of the Superior Court of Justice in Toronto effective May 13, 2009. The case management process gives parties in dispute opportunities to discuss issues in order to streamline proceedings and focus trial resources where they are most needed. It also allows early court intervention to promote the resolution of disputes or to bring cases to trial in a timely manner.

Mr. Donald Short was called to the Bar in 1975. Since then, he has specialized in civil litigation, construction law and alternative dispute resolution (ADR). Since 2000, he has worked as a partner at Fasken Martineau DuMoulin, where he chaired the firm's construction law group and practiced commercial and general litigation. In 2007, he was appointed chair of the construction panel for ADR Chambers. Mr. Short was presented the Award for Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution by the Ontario Bar Association in 2001 and became a chartered arbitrator in 2006. Mr. Short has served as Director of the ADR Institute of Canada and as Vice-President of the Canadian Foundation for Dispute Resolution. He has also served on the Toronto Local Mediation Committee since 1998.

Mr. Short is an active member of the Ontario Bar Association and the Canadian Bar Association, having sat on numerous councils and committees, including the National Council of the Canadian Bar Association and the Ontario Bar Association awards committee.

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"Mr. Short has a vast range of experience that will enable him to contribute to the administration of justice in Toronto. His appointment will help to improve access to justice and the effectiveness of the civil justice system."

— Chris Bentley, Attorney General