Form 53

Courts of Justice Act

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPERT'S DUTY

(General heading)

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1. My name is ....................................................... *(name)*. I live at ............................................. *(city)*, in the ............................................ *(province/state)* of .......................................................... *(name of province/state)*.
2. I have been engaged by or on behalf of ............................................................................. *(name of party/parties)* to provide evidence in relation to the above-noted court proceeding.
3. I acknowledge that it is my duty to provide evidence in relation to this proceeding as follows:
4. to provide opinion evidence that is fair, objective and non-partisan;
5. to provide opinion evidence that is related only to matters that are within my area of expertise; and
6. to provide such additional assistance as the court may reasonably require, to determine a matter in issue.
7. I acknowledge that the duty referred to above prevails over any obligation which I may owe to any party by whom or on whose behalf I am engaged.
8. I certify that I am satisfied as to the authenticity of every authority or other document or record to which I have referred in the expert report accompanying this form, other than:
	1. documents and records provided to me by or on behalf of the party intending to call me as a witness and consisting of evidence or potential evidence in the court proceeding that I have analysed or interpreted in my report;
	2. authorities and other documents and records to which I have referred in my report **only** in order to address how another expert witness in the same court proceeding has used them in their report; and
	3. the following authorities, documents and records, for which I have doubts as to their authenticity as detailed within my report:

[List authorities, documents and records.]

*Note: Under the Rules of Civil Procedure, an authority or other document or record that is published on a government website or otherwise by a government printer, in a scholarly journal or by a commercial publisher of research on the subject of the report is presumed to be authentic, absent evidence to the contrary. If you are aware of evidence to the contrary, list the authority, document or record under 5.c.* ***and*** *provide further details in the accompanying report.*

Date ......................................................................

*Signature*

**NOTE:** This form must be attached to any expert report under subrules 53.03(1) or (2) and any opinion evidence provided by an expert witness on a motion or application.

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