

DIRECTIVE

PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA

RE: Case Management Conferences: Non-Resident Judge Assigned to Preliminary Inquiry or Trial

There are occasions when a resident judge from one judicial centre has a conflict with respect to a preliminary inquiry or a trial, and a non-resident judge is assigned to preside over the matter in that centre or one of its designated circuit points. In such circumstances, the matter will automatically be subjected to the case management conference (CMC) process. In addition to this process, the parties will now be required to participate in a final CMC within a reasonable time immediately prior to the start of the preliminary inquiry or trial. This will ensure that no last minute issues have arisen which may affect the commencement of the hearing, and thus avoid the unnecessary attendance of the visiting judge and court party on the day of the hearing.

In order to comply with this Directive, it is expected that counsel will, no earlier than five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing, either by teleconference or in person, participate in one final CMC to ensure that all issues have been addressed and to confirm that the preliminary hearing or trial is expected to proceed as scheduled.

ISSUED BY:

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**Chief Judge Ken Champagne
(Manitoba)**

DATE: March 22, 2010