

PRACTICE DIRECTION
COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF MANITOBA

RE: SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS ON CIVIL APPLICATIONS AND MOTIONS

To reflect the obligation of a judge to ensure that a self-represented litigant has the opportunity to meaningfully participate in the hearing and has a reasonable opportunity to present his or her case to the best of his or her ability, where a motion or application involving a self-represented litigant is to be contested before a judge, prior to the hearing of the contested motion or application, the parties must appear at a case management conference with a judge for the purpose of the judge ensuring that the contested matter is ready to proceed, to explain the process and to otherwise advise the self-represented litigant what may be expected. Generally, such a conference will be scheduled before a judge for a one-hour period at 9:00 a.m.

Coming into effect

This Practice Direction comes into effect immediately.

ISSUED BY:

"Original signed by Chief Justice Joyal"

**The Honourable Chief Justice Glenn D. Joyal
Court of Queen's Bench (Manitoba)**

DATE: September 15, 2017