

# NOTICE

## COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF MANITOBA

### RE: DAUPHIN & SWAN RIVER COURT CENTRES – SCHEDULING PROCESS

The Court of Queen's Bench has undertaken a review of its scheduling processes in Dauphin and Swan River with the view to make the scheduling more efficient and to provide a better service to the profession and the public.

As a result, changes have been made which will take effect immediately.

#### **Masters Court**

A Masters Court will be implemented in the Dauphin Court Centre one day per month. All Family, General Division and Child Protection matters will be placed on this list for screening and scheduling by the Master prior to going to a judge. The Master will screen the file in the presence of counsel to ensure that all relevant documentation is filed, that the matter will be contested and that both counsel are ready to go. The Master will also deal with all matters over which they have jurisdiction and schedule any contested matters before a judge.

#### **Queen's Bench Judge**

The Queen's Bench judge will preside over one list per month in the Dauphin Court Centre that will include all Family and General Division matters as well as Assignment Court. There will also be three days set aside per month for contested matters, pre-trials, Small Claim appeals, Summary Conviction appeals, Estreatals, Criminal sentencings and short trials.

#### **Swan River Court Centre**

The frequency of Queen's Bench sittings in Swan River will be reduced to once per month.

The Chief Justice and Associate Chief Justice intend to meet with members of the Bar in the fall of 2012 to discuss the scheduling of matters in Dauphin and Swan River and to receive feedback concerning the changes described above.

ISSUED BY:

**"W.J. Burnett"**

**The Honourable Associate Chief Justice Burnett**

**Court of Queen's Bench**

**DATE: June 4, 2012**