

# NOTICE

## PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA

### RE: Scheduling of Trials for Sexual Offences

The scheduling of trials for sexual offences presents particular challenges in cases where motions are brought to cross-examine on sexual history pursuant to section 276 or where the production of records is sought pursuant to section 278.2. These types of motions require decisions be made prior to the trial.

The Provincial Court is concerned about the appropriate scheduling of these matters as this requires the assignment of a trial judge and the scheduling of the motion(s) in advance before the trial judge, including a consideration of the time required for the presiding judge to make the required decisions, in advance of the trial.

Beginning May 3, 2021, to facilitate the proper scheduling of trials for sexual offences, when a *voir dire* is required in advance of the trial, a case management conference is mandatory in order to set the trial date, discuss the issues anticipated to be raised at the pre-trial motions, and the timing of the motions in relation to the trial date. This directive applies throughout the province.

**ISSUED BY:**

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**The Honourable Chief Judge Margaret Wiebe  
Provincial Court of Manitoba**

**DATE: April 6, 2021**