

PRACTICE DIRECTIVE

FORMS OF ADDRESS FOR PARTIES AND COUNSEL IN THE PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA

This Practice Directive clarifies how parties and/or counsel can advise the Court, other parties, and counsel of their pronouns and form of address. This Practice Directive reflects the Provincial Court of Manitoba's ongoing and evolving efforts to treat all court participants with equal dignity and respect.

Direction

1. At the beginning of any in-person or virtual proceeding when parties or counsel are introducing themselves, their client, a witness, or another person, they should provide the judge or justice with each person's name, title (e.g. "Mr./Ms./Mx./Counsel Jones") and the correct pronouns to be used in the proceeding.
2. If a party or counsel do not provide this information in their introduction, they will be prompted by the court clerk to provide this information. For proceedings without court clerks they may be prompted by the judge or justice to provide this information.

Coming into effect

This Practice Directive will come into effect on September 13, 2021.