

NOTICE
MANITOBA COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH – MASTERS
RE: COVID-19 SUSPENSION AND RESTRICTION
OF HEARINGS
APRIL 7, 2020

The notices issued by the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench on April 2, 2020 set out restrictions on matters proceeding during the period from April 20 to May 25, 2020. This notice will address any matters normally heard by masters/registrars in bankruptcy during this extended period. With the exception of the Child Protection Dockets for which a separate Notice is being issued concurrently, the restrictions set out in the Masters' Notice of March 17, 2020 remain in effect until May 25, 2020.

Child Protection Dockets

Dockets will resume on April 15, 2020, as had been indicated in the Notice of March 17, 2020. Detailed instructions relating to the operation of the Child Protection Dockets are contained in a separate notice being issued concurrently.

Masters' Uncontested List

The Masters' Uncontested Lists are suspended through and including May 22, 2020. All matters presently scheduled on any Masters' Uncontested List during the suspension period are adjourned *sine die*. After May 16, 2020, counsel or a party may file a Notice of Motion to be heard on an uncontested list or requisition a matter back onto an uncontested list for a date on or after May 25, 2020. However, the normal restrictions as to the maximum number of matters that can be set down on any list will continue to apply. The

masters will assess whether additional lists can be accommodated to address backlogs, should the need arise.

During the suspension period, if your motion is an emergency, or otherwise of an urgent nature, please contact the masters' coordinator, who will contact the duty master for a determination as to whether and how the matter will proceed.

Bankruptcy Matters

The Bankruptcy dockets continue to be suspended through and including May 22, 2020 and all matters presently scheduled on dockets during the suspension period are adjourned *sine die*.

All unopposed Trustee Discharges will be dealt with during the suspension period and trustees may also submit their Statements of Receipts and Disbursements for taxation in the normal manner.

If there is an urgent matter for the Registrar, please contact bankruptcy registry staff who will contact the duty master for a determination as to whether and how the matter will proceed.

Maintenance Enforcement Dockets

These dockets are suspended through and including May 22, 2020. All individuals scheduled to appear on dockets during the suspension period will be notified of a new date by the Maintenance Enforcement Program.

All Other Matters

Any other hearing scheduled before a master through and including May 22, 2020 is adjourned *sine die* unless a master has specifically indicated that the matter can proceed. This may include a particularly time sensitive matter that is of an urgent nature. If counsel has such a matter presently scheduled

during this suspension period you must contact the masters' coordinator to obtain confirmation whether and how the matter will proceed. This direction applies to contested motions, passing of accounts, reference hearings and hearings for directions, lawyers' fee assessments, or any other type of hearing.

For all matters adjourned *sine die* as a result of the March 17, 2020 notice or this notice, a further notice will be issued prior to May 25, 2020 advising how counsel or a party may schedule a new date for the hearing.

Except as set out above, the masters will not be taking any requests for scheduling matters during the suspension period.

The foregoing is subject to change. Any changes will be announced on the court's website.

ISSUED BY:

"Original signed by Senior Master Lee"

Senior Master F.A. Lee
April 7, 2020