

**PRACTICE DIRECTION**  
**COURT OF QUEEN’S BENCH OF MANITOBA**

**RE: FORMS OF ADDRESS FOR PARTIES, COUNSEL AND THE  
JUDICIARY OF THE COURT OF QUEEN’S BENCH**

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This Practice Direction clarifies how parties and/or counsel can advise the Court, other parties, and counsel of their pronouns and form of address. This Practice Direction reflects the Court of Queen’s Bench’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.
3. When addressing a judge at a hearing, counsel or self-represented parties may now use, in addition to the appellations currently in place, “Justice”, “Mr. Justice”, “Madam Justice”.

**Coming into effect**

This Practice Direction comes into effect on September 13, 2021.

**ISSUED BY:**

**“Original signed by Chief Justice Glenn D. Joyal”**

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

**DATE: June 17, 2021**