NOTICE

PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA

RE: ATTIRE FOR COUNSEL

The following delineates the appropriate attire for counsel when appearing before and conducting business with the Manitoba Provincial Court.

- 1. Lawyers appearing in the Provincial Court of Manitoba are required to dress appropriately to reflect the seriousness of the court proceedings.
- 2. The Provincial Court does not require counsel to wear their gown (although they are certainly entitled to do so). If counsel is dressed in formal courtroom attire (because for example they are coming or going to the Court of Queen's Bench or the Court of Appeal, and they choose not to wear their robe in the Provincial Court, then they are asked to observe the minimum standard of waistcoat, shirt and tabs.
- 3. Traditional business attire is required for all matters heard by a judge in Provincial Court, including matters such as trials, preliminary hearings, motions and applications.
- 4. Traditional business attire is required for all conferences, such as case management conferences.
- 5. Counsel may depart from strict traditional business attire requirements to the extent necessary by reason of maternity. Counsel may also depart from strict traditional business attire requirements by reason of disability. The modified business attire should be in keeping with the spirit of this notice and court decorum. Counsel may, before the opening of court, advise the court clerk orally, or by note, that they are in modified attire in accordance with this Notice.

ISSUED BY:

Chief Judge Margaret Wiebe

(Manitoba)

DATE: February 7, 2017