

## NOTICE

### PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA (WINNIPEG CENTRE)

#### **Re: FASD Dockets – Adult and Youth**

The Provincial Court of Manitoba has established an FASD disposition docket for both youth and adults who have an FASD diagnosis. One of the goals of these dockets is to provide the accused with a court environment that takes into account the specific deficits identified in the FASD assessment report and how they might be related to the offender's moral blameworthiness or degree of responsibility for an offence. If there is a link between the deficits resulting from FASD and the offending behaviour, the Court would explore how the sentence imposed would best reflect and respond to that link.

#### ***When/where will the FASD dockets be held?***

Sittings for the FASD court start on Thursday March 28, 2019.

The in-custody youth docket will sit every Thursday morning at the Manitoba Youth Center. With the permission of the Court, an in-custody youth may be dealt with in courtroom 307 - 408 York Avenue on the youth out-of-custody docket if the matter is lengthy, if there is limited availability on the MYC Thursday morning docket, and if there is availability on the afternoon 307 list.

An FASD docket will also be held in courtroom 307 - 408 York Avenue every Thursday afternoon. This docket will alternate weekly between youth and adult matters. Subject to the comments in the previous paragraph, the youth docket should deal with out-of-custody youth who have an FASD diagnosis. The adult docket can deal with individuals who are either in or out of custody. Those accused who are in custody should be adjourned as a must transport and appear personally.

#### ***Scheduling the Hearing:***

The matter should be scheduled through the Disposition Coordinator who will confirm counsel have ensured the appropriate FASD assessment and any other material are filed in advance.

The youth email is: [youthpcdispos@gov.mb.ca](mailto:youthpcdispos@gov.mb.ca)

The adult email is: [earlypcdispos@gov.mb.ca](mailto:earlypcdispos@gov.mb.ca)

The phone number is: 204-945-6712 (for both)

The available dates for FASD courts will be available on the Court's website.  
<http://www.manitobacourts.mb.ca/provincial-court/available-dates/fasd/>

A detailed information sheet and Q & A is attached.

**ISSUED BY:**

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**Chief Judge Margaret Wiebe  
(Manitoba)**

**DATE: March 14, 2019**