

NOTICE

PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA

RE: Announcement of Provincial Court of Manitoba's Judicial Authorization Registry

An open court that permits access to both court proceedings and court records is of fundamental importance to a free and democratic society. This ensures that justice is not only done but seen to be done. Access to court records must be supervised by the Court to ensure that the ends of justice are not subverted by inappropriate disclosure.

On April 16, 2018, the Provincial Court of Manitoba will allow public access to a registry of all judicial authorizations sought in Manitoba since November 1, 2017. The registry will be updated on a regular basis.

The registry will identify those applications where a sealing order is in place. If a sealing order is not in place, more identifying information will be provided on the registry.

The registry will be located at the Law Court's Complex, 408 York Avenue in Winnipeg. The registry will be available to any member of the public by appointment. Anyone wishing to review the registry will be required to provide identification. Where legislation does not require the filing of a report to justice, a written request for the information to obtain the judicial authorization must be filed. This written request will be reviewed by a judge before the underlying information is provided.

The policies governing access to court records can be found on the Court's website:

http://www.manitobacourts.mb.ca/site/assets/files/1133/access_policy_final.pdf

<http://www.manitobacourts.mb.ca/general-information/attending-court-and-access-to-court-record-information/#judicial>

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