

**NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION  
MANITOBA COURT OF KING'S BENCH  
ASSOCIATE JUDGES  
DECEMBER 5, 2023**

**UPDATE AND NEW PRACTICES FOR THE  
WINTER TERM OF 2024**

**RETURN TO IN PERSON APPEARANCES**

There have been Notices issued by the Manitoba Court of King's Bench Masters (as they then were), lastly on June 9, 2022, that governed practice before the Masters. This Notice will replace those previous Notices, except as otherwise specified herein, and will be in place effective January 8, 2024. This Notice does not impact any matters that, as of today's date, have already been set to proceed, whether proceeding via teleconference, in person or otherwise. Those previously scheduled appearances, even if set to proceed virtually after January 8, 2024, will continue as currently planned.

With the exception of the associate judges' daily uncontested lists, which will continue to proceed remotely as set out below, these changes reflect a more fulsome move back to in person hearings for all other matters set to appear before the associate judges. The court will continue to implement flexibility in appropriate circumstances, on the request of parties, and where resources allow. This Notice will apply to practices in the associate judges' courts in every jurisdiction, except as expressly addressed below:

### **Child Protection Dockets**

These dockets recommenced in person attendance as of September 6, 2022, and will continue to run in all centres with no changes.

### **Maintenance Enforcement Dockets**

These dockets recommenced in person attendance on or about March 14, 2022, and will continue to run in all centres with no changes.

### **Associate Judges' Civil and Family Uncontested List**

The Associated Judges' Uncontested Lists in all jurisdictions (except Portage la Prairie and Morden) will continue to operate via teleconference, in the manner described in the Notices previously issued. The call-in number and ID for those matters on the daily uncontested list remain as follows for the Winnipeg Centre:

Toll-free dial-in number: 1-855-342-6455

Conference ID number: 5589296

In the event there are any questions with respect to scheduling of matters for outside of Winnipeg, counsel should contact the applicable Trial Coordinator:

**Brandon:** [BrandonQBTrialCoordinator@gov.mb.ca](mailto:BrandonQBTrialCoordinator@gov.mb.ca) (Michelle Brown's telephone number is 204-726-7430).

**Dauphin:** [Shauna.Kachur@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Shauna.Kachur@gov.mb.ca) (telephone number is 204-622-2100).

**Portage la Prairie:** [Sherry.Moffit@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Sherry.Moffit@gov.mb.ca) (telephone number is 204-239-3383).

**Morden:** [Sheila.Jeffers@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Sheila.Jeffers@gov.mb.ca) (telephone number is 204-822-2880).

**Bankruptcy Dockets**

The Bankruptcy dockets returned in person attendance as of September 6, 2022, and will continue to run in all centres with no changes. As previously noted, should circumstances arise which may justify proceeding with a matter by audio or video conferencing (where capacity allows), requests can be made to the appropriate scheduling coordinator for the consideration of the presiding registrar. This applies in all judicial centres in Manitoba serviced by the associate judges/registrars.

**Contested Motions**

Contested motions, family and civil, will revert to being heard in person in all judicial centres serviced by the associate judges. Should circumstances arise which may justify proceeding with the matter by audio or video conferencing (where capacity allows), requests may be made to the appropriate scheduling coordinator, for consideration of the presiding associate judge. These requests should be made at least 10 days in advance, and are at the sole discretion of the presiding associate judge.

**Uncontested Passing of Accounts and Hearings for Directions**

All uncontested Passing of Accounts or Hearings for Directions in respect of references, accountings or any other matters, including lawyer fee assessments, will revert to being heard in person in all judicial centres serviced by the associate judges. Should circumstances arise which may justify proceeding with the matter by audio or video conferencing (where capacity allows), requests may be made to the appropriate scheduling coordinator, for consideration of the presiding associate judge. These requests should be made at least 10 days in advance, and are at the sole discretion of the presiding associate judge.

**Matters involving the provision of viva voce evidence**

All matters in which the associate judge will be hearing viva voce evidence will continue to proceed in person as they have been for some time. Should circumstances arise which may justify proceeding with the matter by audio or video conferencing (where capacity allows), requests may be made to the appropriate scheduling coordinator, for consideration of the presiding associate judge. These requests should be made at least 10 days in advance, and are at the sole discretion of the presiding associate judge.

**ISSUED BY:****“Original signed by Senior Associate Judge Clearwater”****Senior Associate Judge K. L. Clearwater  
Court of King’s Bench (Manitoba)****Date: December 5, 2023**