

NOTICE

COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF MANITOBA

RE: SMALL CLAIMS VIRTUAL HEARINGS

During the pandemic, virtual hearing options were introduced for Small Claims matters heard by Court Officers. The use of these virtual hearing options has improved access to justice by reducing costs, complexity and time to disposition. Given this favourable experience and in light of the summary nature of small claims, virtual hearings will continue as follows:

- The first appearance will be held by teleconference. Teleconference details are set out on the Small Claim document.
- A contested hearing heard by a Court Officer will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams, unless directed by the Court Officer to be held in person.

Coming into effect

This Notice comes into effect immediately.

ISSUED BY:

“Original signed by Chief Justice Joyal”

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

DATE: March 15, 2023