

PRACTICE DIRECTION
COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF MANITOBA

**RE: CIVIL UNCONTESTED LIST TELEPHONE APPEARANCES
BY MANITOBA COUNSEL OUTSIDE OF WINNIPEG**

As part of the Court of King's Bench of Manitoba's continuing commitment to principles of access to justice, which include reducing regional barriers to accessing the courts, the Court will now offer to Manitoba counsel practicing outside the City of Winnipeg, the option of appearing by telephone on the Civil Uncontested List in the Winnipeg Judicial Centre.

The conditions to attend on the Civil Uncontested List by telephone are as follows:

1. This service is only available:
 - a. To counsel authorized to practice in Manitoba, whose law practice's head office is located outside the perimeter of the City of Winnipeg (and still within Manitoba); and
 - b. For simple, straightforward matters such as uncontested applications, consent orders, scheduling directions, or where a consent adjournment is anticipated. For matters of greater complexity or any contentious matters, in-person attendance is required.

2. Where counsel select the option of appearing by telephone, counsel are:
 - a. To so advise the Civil Motion Coordinator by telephone at (204) 945-3043 no later than 2:00 p.m. on the business day before the matter is scheduled to appear on the Civil Uncontested List;

- b. Responsible to provide the Civil Motion Coordinator with a telephone number and email address at which they will be available from 10:00 a.m. for the duration of the Civil Uncontested List, and ready to receive a call from the Court clerk to speak to their matter. Only one attempt will be made to contact counsel by telephone, and if they are not available their matter may be struck or proceed in their absence; and
- c. Expected to have any anticipated order filed with the Court in draft form prior to the date of the appearance.

Counsel who do not fall within the scope of this Practice Direction will require prior permission from the presiding Judge on the Civil Uncontested List to appear by teleconference. Such permission will be limited to exceptional circumstances.

Coming into effect:

This Practice Direction 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: October 26, 2022