

**PRACTICE DIRECTION**  
**COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF MANITOBA**  
**RE: DIRECT INDICTMENTS - ADULT ACCUSED**

This practice direction applies to adult accused where the Crown has preferred a direct indictment charging the same offence as was charged in the information against the accused, or an included offence. In such cases, s. 523(1.2) of the Code provides that any detention or release order issued by the Provincial Court continues to apply. As a result, if the accused has counsel who has filed a Designation of Counsel form, the accused will not need to appear in this court for the indictment to be read.

Appearances will continue to be required where there is no designation of counsel, there are new charges in the indictment or the Crown or defence wish to change the terms of a bail order.

**Coming into effect:**

This Practice Direction comes into effect immediately.

**ISSUED BY:**

*Original signed by Chief Justice Joyal*

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

**DATE: September 5, 2025**