

## PRACTICE DIRECTION

### COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF MANITOBA

#### RE: ESTREATALS INVOLVING IN-CUSTODY ACCUSED – THOMPSON AND THE PAS JUDICIAL CENTRES

The Court's Practice Direction of March 5, 2020, regarding detention review hearings under sections 520 and 525 of the *Criminal Code* in Thompson and The Pas Judicial Centres will apply with necessary changes to estreatals in these Judicial Centres when an accused who is in-custody is required to attend.

For clarity, when an accused who is in-custody is required to attend an estreatal hearing in Thompson and The Pas Judicial Centres, the following procedure applies:

- The accused will appear either by video or by teleconference from the institution in which they are located, unless the local trial coordinator is advised by counsel or a self-represented accused at least five full business days prior to the scheduled hearing date that an accused is to appear at the hearing in person (to permit sufficient time for transportation).
- Counsel for the accused will appear in person in the judicial centre in which the matter originates, unless the local trial coordinator is advised at least one full business day prior to the scheduled hearing date that counsel will appear either by video or by teleconference. When counsel are appearing remotely, they are to contact the local trial coordinator to obtain call-in instructions. Where this remote appearance is from another judicial centre, it will be coordinated through the local trial coordinator and court clerk.
- Where the accused is appearing in person, counsel for the accused must also appear in person.

- The foregoing is subject to any direction by a judge that counsel or an accused is to appear in person.

**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: March 15, 2023**