

**NOTICE**  
**SERVICE CHANGES EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 13, 2018**  
**MANITOBA COURTS**

As part of ongoing efforts to improve services and Access to Justice, Manitoba Courts will make the following changes effective November 13, 2018:

**Digital Audio Recording (DAR) Access**

Since April 13, 2015, Manitoba Courts has been providing members of the legal profession access to digital audio recordings (DAR) facilitated through the Legal Data Resources Corporation (LDRC). Effective **November 13, 2018**, access to DAR recordings will now be provided, upon request, by Manitoba Courts directly. Currently, access is available for adult criminal matters recorded from 14 Winnipeg courtrooms: 114,117, 120, 214, 230, 304, 306, 406, 403, 404, 405, 406, 409 and 411.

DAR operates on personal computers. Users are required to install the necessary software in order to gain access. A list of compatible operating systems can be found on the software developers' website at [www.fortherecord.com](http://www.fortherecord.com)

Members of the legal profession who are interested in receiving access are to contact the Transcription Services Unit (TSU) at [TSU@gov.mb.ca](mailto:TSU@gov.mb.ca). An undertaking is required to be completed and a user fee of \$23.00 per month will be applied.

For full details on how the DAR service will be provided please refer to the attached *Request for Access to Court Recordings-November 2018*.

**Court of Queen's Bench (Winnipeg Centre)**

**E-Filing changes effective November 13, 2018**

On August 10, 2012, the Court of Queen's Bench launched a pilot e-filing project. Under this project, only Receiver/Manager applications, applications filed under

the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA)*, and plans of arrangement under *The Corporations Act* would be submitted and filed electronically. On January 23, 2017, the Court expanded its e-filing project and made e-filing of Judicial Review applications mandatory. Simultaneously, Legal Data Resources (Manitoba) Corporation (LDRC) launched its SharePoint eDocument Portal for authorized legal counsel and court registry staff to electronically upload, download and process PDF documents submitted for e-filing.

As of November 13, 2018, counsel will no longer submit e-filing documents through the LDRC eDocument Portal.

CCAA and Receiver/Manager applications and plans of arrangement will now be submitted via email to [QBRegistry@gov.mb.ca](mailto:QBRegistry@gov.mb.ca) for processing by the Civil Motions Coordinator. In addition, Judicial Review applications will not be subject to e-filing protocol. As such, the practice direction dated December 14, 2016 regarding electronic filing for Judicial Reviews is rescinded. For those matters where documents were filed prior to November 13, 2018, through the LDRC eDocument Portal, these documents will remain available for use in pending proceedings. Where new documents are to be filed with respect to these pending proceedings (including for Judicial Review Applications), they are to be filed pursuant to the new e-filing protocol (i.e. not through the LDRC portal). For further information on how to e-file, please refer to the attached *QB e-Filing Protocol effective November 13, 2018*.

For general e-filing inquiries please contact Court of Queen's Bench Civil Motions Coordinator, Cheryl Laniuk at 204-945-3043 or [cheryl.laniuk@gov.mb.ca](mailto:cheryl.laniuk@gov.mb.ca).

For technical e filing inquiries, please contact Kelly L. Wilson, Justice Information Systems at 204-391-7111 or [kelly.wilson@gov.mb.ca](mailto:kelly.wilson@gov.mb.ca).

## **Wi-Fi Access at the Courthouse**

Manitoba Justice is currently working on refreshing Wi-Fi access at the courthouses in Winnipeg, Brandon, and Thompson. The project will be phased-in on a priority

basis and will be completed in the near future. If you have any questions please contact Jason Piush at 204 945-2104 or [Jason.piush@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Jason.piush@gov.mb.ca).

**ISSUED BY:**

**“Original signed by Chief Justice Joyal”**

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

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**Suzanne Gervais- Acting Assistant Deputy  
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**DATE: November 8, 2018**