

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF MANITOBA

RE: RULE 20A REVIEW

Queen's Bench Rule 20A, the Expedited Actions rule has been in effect for approximately ten years. It introduced a system of case management for civil actions where the relief claimed was in an amount not exceeding \$50,000.00. It was a significant change in the pre-trial proceedings of the court respecting civil claims. After ten years of experience with Rule 20A, a review of its effectiveness would be of benefit to the court in determining whether it should be retained in its current form or be amended to resolve any problems that have arisen out of its application.

It is anticipated that there will be significant consultation by members of the bench with members of the bar before any recommendations concerning the future of Rule 20A are made. The court begins its review process by inviting interested members of the bar to provide any comments or suggestions respecting the operation of Rule 20A, in writing, to the judicial members of the Rule 20A Review Committee: Madam Justice Holly Beard or Mr. Justice John Scurfield, Court of Queen's Bench, Room 226 – 408 York Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3C 0P9. The court has appointed two bar members to the Rule 20A Review Committee and they are Mr. Shane I. Perlmutter and Ms. Shauna L. McCarthy.

Further information in regard to the review will be distributed to members of the bar via Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench offices (including counsel mailboxes) or may be obtained by members of the bar from Karen Fulham, Exec. Asst. to the Chief Justices and Chief Judge at Tel. (204) 945-8043, Email: kfulham@gov.mb.ca and the Manitoba Courts website at www.manitobacourts.mb.ca.

ISSUED BY:

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The Honourable Marc M. Monnin
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