

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION**

### **COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF MANITOBA**

#### **RE: SCHEDULING OF TRIAL DATES IN CRIMINAL MATTERS**

In light of recurring problems which threaten to compromise the expediency with which it is expected that criminal matters will proceed, the following approach will be employed by judges presiding over criminal pre-trial conferences in the Court of Queen's Bench (General Division):

- Trial dates will be scheduled at the time of the first pre-trial conference. Any outstanding pre-trial issues, including resolution, may be dealt with at subsequent pre-trial conferences. As well, at subsequent pre-trial conferences, the number of trial dates may be reduced or increased as issues may dictate.
- Trial dates for in-custody accused are to be fixed within 10 months of the first pre-trial conference, and for out-of-custody accused, within 12 months of the first pre-trial conference.

#### **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 Queen's Bench (Manitoba)**

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