

NOTICE

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH

RE: SURETIES FOR A PERSONAL ADMINISTRATION BOND

The provisions of *The Court of Queen's Bench Surrogate Practice Act* ("the Act") and the *Queen's Bench Rules* require all administrators/trixes to provide either a bond of a surety company, which shall be for the amount of the sworn value of the property of the deceased (s. 25(7)) or a personal administration bond for double the value of the estate (s. 25(1), (2) and (3)). Where the applicant is providing a personal administration bond, there must be at least two sureties to justify the penalty under the bond for estates over \$100,000 (rule 74.11 of the *Queen's Bench Rules*). The longstanding practice has been that, where two sureties are required, each surety must be able to justify the penalty under a personal administration bond.

In the future, it will be sufficient if the two sureties are, together, able to justify an amount sufficient to cover the penalty under a personal bond. It will no longer be necessary for the sureties to each, individually, be able to justify the penalty under a personal bond.

ISSUED BY:

Original Signed by _____
Chief Justice Marc Monnin
(Manitoba)

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