NOTICE

MANITOBA COURT OF APPEAL

RE: RELEASE OF JUDGMENTS DURING COVID-19

MARCH 18, 2020

This Notice is sent pursuant to our court's COVID-19 plan of action. The COVID-19 situation remains fluid and our court will continue to adapt to evolving conditions.

In light of the COVID-19 situation and in line with the new protocols put in place to ensure everyone's health and safety, the Court of Appeal is changing its procedure with respect to the release of judgments. Currently, the procedure is to notify counsel or a self-represented party by phone to inform them that the judgment is ready for pickup at the Registry office.

Starting immediately, the Court of Appeal will be emailing copies of its released judgments to all parties. The only exception is when the judgment is released in chambers on certain out-of-custody criminal matters.

As a result, the Registry staff has been instructed to obtain email addresses from all parties involved in a proceeding. Where a party is represented by counsel, the email address of counsel will suffice. In the event that a self-represented litigant does not have an email address and does not want to pick up his/her copy, the judgment will be <u>mailed to all parties</u>.

Finally, for the latest information, please monitor the Manitoba Courts website at: http://www.manitobacourts.mb.ca/

ISSUED BY:

"Original signed by Chief Justice Chartier"

The Honourable Richard J. Chartier Chief Justice of Manitoba DATE: March 18, 2020