

NOTICE

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF MANITOBA (GENERAL DIVISION)

RE: ADJUSTMENTS TO CURRENT SCHEDULING PROTOCOLS – DECEMBER 14, 2020 TO JANUARY 8, 2021

The COVID-19 concerns which led to the Court's Notice of November 10, 2020 still remain. As such, the adjustments to the Court's scheduling protocols as announced in the November 10th Notice will now also extend and apply to the period of **December 14, 2020 to January 8, 2021**.

Accordingly, in the General Division, with the exception of those judge-alone criminal trials involving accused persons who are in custody, all currently scheduled trials set to proceed between Monday, December 14, 2020 and Friday, January 8, 2021, will be adjourned to administrative lists for rescheduling, subject to the stipulation respecting virtual trials for civil matters as set out in the November 10th Notice. Those adjourned trials will be appearing on administrative lists on Friday, January 15, 2021.

All other judicial services currently being offered by the Court of Queen's Bench by video or audio conference in the areas of criminal and civil law will continue as before, unchanged. To repeat, the only change (with the exception of judge-alone in-custody criminal trials) in the scheduling protocol flowing from this Notice relates to those trials or hearings in the General Division taking place at the courthouse where *viva voce* testimony is being adduced.

All jury trials scheduled to commence between Monday, December 14, 2020 and Friday, January 8, 2021 will be adjourned to the January 15, 2021 administrative list.

Given the distinct presumptions that will apply to all scheduled family and child protection proceedings, for those seeking guidance respecting scheduled family and child protection trials, reference should be made to the Family Division Practice Direction dated December 3, 2020.

ISSUED BY:

"Original signed by Chief Justice Joyal"

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

DATE: December 3, 2020