



The Provincial Court of Saskatchewan

PRACTICE DIRECTIVE III

Appearance of Counsel by Telephone

1. Where it is impractical for counsel to appear before the Court in person counsel may appear via telephone with prior leave of the Court.
2. Where counsel wishes to appear via telephone, leave shall be obtained from the assigned judge (if possible) by applying in writing to the Clerk of the Court within a reasonable period of time prior to the requested appearance date. Ordinarily, a reasonable period of time will be not later than 12:00 noon of the business day preceding the proposed appearance.
3. The written application shall specify the steps or actions proposed to be taken in the telephone appearance.
4. Counsel must provide a direct land line telephone number or mobile telephone number with acceptable sound quality at which they can be reached for the appearance.
5. Where counsel has obtained leave to appear by telephone, counsel shall forthwith notify the opposing party.
6. Counsel may apply for leave to appear in Provincial Court via telephone for any court appearance other than a preliminary hearing, trial, or other matter where *viva voce* evidence will be called.
7. The Court may cancel the leave to appear by telephone and direct the personal attendance of counsel.