



The Provincial Court of Saskatchewan

## **PROVINCIAL COURT OF SASKATCHEWAN PRACTICE DIRECTIVES - CRIMINAL DIVISION**

The Saskatchewan Provincial Court meeting *En Banc* decided that the preparation of a series of Practice Directives would prompt simple, effective and efficient management of certain proceedings in our criminal courts. A committee was struck comprised of Provincial Court Judges Kaiser, Green and Irwin. The committee expanded to include members of the bar who practice in Provincial Court. These included the following: Canadian Bar Association, Perry Erhardt; Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association, Bill Roe; Legal Aid, Don Mullord; Provincial Crown, Val Adamko and Mike Segu; Federal Crown, Byron Wright.

The purpose of preparing Practice Directives is to assist counsel by standardizing certain proceedings in the Provincial Court throughout Saskatchewan. Unlike formal Rules of Court which are binding on litigants, the Provincial Court's Practice Directives are based on current best practices in our Court and reflect the expectations of our judges.

While these Practice Directives reflect the consensus of the Saskatchewan Provincial Court *En Banc* their application may slightly vary in some court points to reflect current practice.

Failure to comply with a practice directive will not nullify a proceeding and a judge may grant any relief necessary or vary a practice directive in the interests of justice and to facilitate resolution of matters.

The Court will expect counsel to comply with these Practice Directives commencing September 4, 2012.

June 14, 2012  
Chief Judge C.A. Snell