



COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH FOR
SASKATCHEWAN

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE

Late Filing of Pre-Trial Briefs

Rule 4-13(1) states:

4-13(1) The parties shall file and exchange pre-trial briefs not later than 10 days before the date scheduled for pre-trial conference.

There is a very good reason for this Rule. It permits both the judge and the opposing parties to review and consider the pre-trial briefs in a meaningful way to best ensure a productive pre-trial conference.

Notwithstanding repeated gentle reminders from the Court, litigants continue to exchange and file pre-trial briefs late.

This notice is intended to caution litigants that, effective January 1, 2014, the Court intends to enforce the filing deadline Rule for pre-trial briefs. First, all late filed pre-trial briefs will be stamped "FILED LATE" by the Local Registrar. Second, the Court has the discretion under Rules 4-18(1)(d) and 11-1(1) to order costs at a pre-trial conference. The late filing of a pre-trial brief after the effective date of this Administrative Notice might very well result in an award of costs against the offending party and/or result in the pre-trial conference being adjourned.

This Administrative Notice is issued this 17th day of December, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M.D. Popescul".

Chief Justice M.D. Popescul
Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan