



COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH FOR
SASKATCHEWAN

GENERAL APPLICATION PRACTICE DIRECTIVE #8

COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

WITH JUDGES

REFERENCE: GA-PD #8

Former reference: Administrative Notice issued June 20, 2013

Effective: May 1, 2018

1. Unless specifically provided for in *The Queen's Bench Rules* or this practice directive, lawyers or parties to a court proceeding must not, by any means, communicate directly or indirectly with a judge outside of court, about a proceeding before the court.
2. An informal communication in accordance with this practice directive is permitted in the following circumstances:
 - a) In accordance with a judge's fiat or written direction;
 - b) The communication is in writing and does no more than provide a case citation;
 - c) The communication is in writing and is for the purpose of notifying the court of the party's objection to a without notice application by the opposing party;
 - d) The communication only relates to scheduling, including adjournments or cancellation of proceedings.
3. Any informal communication by letter, email, telephone or other means, must be addressed to the local registrar, unless a judge specifically grants permission to allow direct contact.

4. At the same time that any party provides an informal communication to the local registrar, a copy of the informal communication shall be directed to all opposing parties.
5. Informal communications, while less formal, are subject to the same principles of civility as any other court proceedings.
6. Where a person seeks to communicate with a judge in a matter not related to proceedings before the court, but in the judge's capacity as a judge, a request to communicate directly with a judge should be made through a local registrar.

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