

PROVINCIAL COURT OF SASKATCHEWAN CRIMINAL PRACTICE DIRECTIVES

The Saskatchewan Provincial Court meeting *En Banc* decided in 2012 that the preparation of a series of Practice Directives would prompt simple, effective and efficient management of certain proceedings in our criminal courts.

The purpose of preparing Practice Directives, available in both official languages, 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.

March 21, 2018 Chief Judge James A. Plemel