

GENERAL APPLICATION PRACTICE DIRECTIVE #9

SCHEDULING OF SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND JUDICIAL REVIEW APPLICATIONS

REFERENCE: GA-PD#9

Effective: November 1, 2019

- 1. This Practice Directive applies to all summary judgment applications (in both civil and family proceedings) made pursuant to Rule 7-2 of *The Queen's Bench Rules* and all originating applications for judicial review made pursuant to Rule 3-56(1) of *The Queen's Bench Rules*.
- 2. All summary judgment applications and originating applications for judicial review shall be initially made returnable in chambers on any of the days designated for that purpose.
- 3. The initial appearance in chambers will be for the purpose of managing the application and, after consultation with the parties, and when appropriate, ordering that a date and time for the hearing of the application be scheduled.
- 4. At the initial appearance, each party will be expected to speak to their readiness to proceed to a hearing, to provide their estimation as to the amount of time required to complete the hearing, identify any preliminary issues, and advise whether the matter is urgent.
- 5. The chambers judge at the initial appearance will manage the application, which may include determining the parties' readiness to proceed,

deciding the amount of time necessary to hear the application, setting timelines when certain actions are to be taken, resolving preliminary issues and, when appropriate, ordering that a date and time for the application be scheduled to be heard.

- 6. The hearing date for the summary judgment or judicial review will be scheduled as soon as possible, having regard to the issues raised by the application.
- 7. Although, in most situations, the merits of the application will not be determined at the initial appearance, nothing in this notice is intended to prohibit the chambers judge from immediately hearing and deciding the application if, in the opinion of the chambers judge, it is appropriate to do so.
- 8. Rule 6-16(1) of *The Queen's Bench Rules* and General Application Practice Directive #7, respecting Adjournment of Chamber Proceedings, apply to the applications covered by this Practice Directive.

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