

# GENERAL APPLICATION PRACTICE DIRECTIVE #7

## ADJOURNMENT OF CHAMBER PROCEEDINGS

**REFERENCE: GA-PD #7** 

**Effective:** February 1, 2016

**Revised:** November 1, 2023

#### **Consent Adjournments**

- 1. Where all parties involved in an application have consented to adjourn a matter scheduled for chambers, appropriate notice of the request to adjourn by consent pursuant to Rule 6-16(1) of *The King's Bench Rules*, must be provided to the local registrar as soon as possible, and in any event, no later than 4:00 p.m. on the:
  - a) Thursday preceding Monday chambers;
  - b) Friday preceding Tuesday chambers;
  - c) Monday preceding Wednesday chambers;
  - d) Tuesday preceding Thursday chambers; or
  - e) Wednesday preceding Friday chambers.
- 2. Where appropriate notice of the request to adjourn by consent is received in accordance with the time set out in paragraph 1, the local registrar shall adjourn the matter to the date agreed upon and no party will be required to attend chambers to speak to the adjournment unless the presiding Judge otherwise directs.
- 3. Where appropriate notice of the request to adjourn by consent is not received by the local registrar in accordance with the time set out in paragraph 1, the parties must:
  - a) notify the local registrar as soon as possible that a request to adjourn the matter will be made; and
  - b) attend chambers to speak to the adjournment unless the presiding Judge otherwise directs.
- 4. Pursuant to Rule 6-16, "appropriate notice of the request to adjourn by consent" means a written request to adjourn signed by all parties involved in the application

(or their lawyers or agents), unless the local registrar considers it appropriate to accept an oral consent.

# **Adjournment Requests without Consent**

- 5. Any party seeking to adjourn a matter scheduled for chambers, without the consent of all parties involved in the application must, as soon as possible:
  - a) advise the local registrar of their intention to seek an adjournment; and
  - b) whenever possible, serve and file a written explanation of the reasons for seeking an adjournment and, if known, the reasons why consent from the other parties involved in the application has not been provided.

### The Child and Family Services Act Matters

6. This practice directive does not apply to proceedings under *The Child and Family Services Act*, SS 1989-90, c C-7.2.

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