PROVINCIAL COURT
OF SASKATCHEWAN

CRIMINAL PRACTICE DIRECTIVE 12

BRIEFS OF LAW

Effective: October 1, 2026

Purpose

This Practice Directive sets out the procedure for the preparation and filing of briefs of law in the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan. Briefs are intended to assist the Court in the fair and efficient determination of legal issues arising in criminal proceedings.

Application

This Practice Directive applies to all proceedings in the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan.

Directives

1. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge, either Crown counsel or defence counsel may file a brief of law if they believe the brief will assist the Court in resolving issues arising in the matter.

2. The brief of law must include a cover page with the style of cause and the following three sections:

    2.1 Concise Statement of Issues;

    2.2 List of Authorities; and

    2.3 Argument section which must not exceed 20 double-spaced typewritten pages, including the conclusion, unless the Court directs otherwise. References for all cited case law must be pinpoint.

3. Briefs may be filed with the Court and other parties electronically. In addition to the electronic filing, a paper copy of the brief must be provided to the Court.

4. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, no case authorities are to be included with the printed or electronic filing.

Related Practice Directives

Practice Directive 5 – Filing Court Documents