



PROVINCIAL COURT
OF SASKATCHEWAN

CRIMINAL PRACTICE DIRECTIVE 2

APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL BY AUDIOCONFERENCE OR VIDEOCONFERENCE

Effective: October 1, 2026

Purpose

This Practice Directive sets out the procedure for counsel seeking to appear by audioconference or videoconference in the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan.

Application

This Practice Directive applies to all Provincial Court locations in Saskatchewan.

Directives

1. Where it is impractical for counsel to appear before the Court in person, counsel may appear by audioconference or, where available, videoconference, with prior leave of the Court.
2. Subject to the discretion of the Court, counsel may be granted leave to appear remotely for any court appearance other than:
 - 2.1 Preliminary inquiries;
 - 2.2 Trials; or
 - 2.3 Other proceedings where *viva voce* evidence will be called.
3. Counsel seeking leave to appear remotely must apply in writing to the Clerk of the Court.
 - 3.1 The application shall be directed to the assigned judge where possible, or to another judge if the assigned judge is not available;
 - 3.2 The application must be received no later than 12:00 noon on the business day preceding the scheduled appearance; and
 - 3.3 The application must specify the steps or actions counsel proposes to take during the remote appearance.

4. Where counsel seeks to appear by audioconference and the Court is required to initiate contact, counsel must provide a direct landline or cellular telephone number with acceptable sound quality at which they can be reached.
5. The Court may, where it considers it appropriate, cancel leave to appear remotely and direct the personal attendance of counsel.