

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

Please find attached a revised package of Practice Directions, effective June 30, 2018. All previous Practice Directions are repealed as of that date.

Along with several new Practice Directions, the existing directives have been renamed and grouped by subject-matter. Most of the new Practice Directions record existing court practice.

Tables that set out concordance with the old Practice Directions and identify significant changes to current court practice are attached.

ADMINISTRATIVE

New #	Old #	Name	Comments
ADMIN-1	1	Management of Practice Directions	Updated – refers to grouping
ADMIN-2	-	Court Registry Information	
ADMIN-3	25	Use of Courtrooms, Court Registry, Atrium and Courthouse Property, Including Use of Recording Equipment	Updated – reference to signs and display material, <i>Court Security Act</i> and Regs
ADMIN-4	22	Receiving Informations and Issuing Process	
ADMIN-5	-	Circuit Cancellation Due to Weather	Presumptive -35C cutoff for travel
ADMIN-6	-	Diversion Payments into Court Registry	Allows registry to dispense funds in context of Crown/accused diversion agreement
ADMIN-7	-	Public WiFi	
ADMIN-8		Search Warrant Applications	
ADMIN-9	-	Media Accreditation	Formalizes media accreditation process, identification cards
ADMIN-10	-	Travel on Court Chartered Plane	

COURT PRACTICE

New #	Old #	Name	Comments
CP-1	3, 19	Court Start Time and Calling of the List	
CP-2	-	Position of Counsel in the Courtroom	
CP-3	-	Telephone Appearance by Counsel	
CP-4	-	Court Interpreters	Sets out process for requesting an interpreter and qualifications required.
CP-5	18	Setting Trial and Sentencing Dates	Changed to reflect current FXD schedule
CP-6	-	Expectations for Pre-Trial Conferences	Basic checklist of issues for discussion
CP-7	-	Conduct of Circuits by Telephone	
CP-8	-	Resolutions and Adjournments	Requirement to notify TCO when a matter resolves or is likely to resolve.
CP-9		WASH Bail Court	Addresses accuracy of information re s. 524 applications
CP-10	24	Peace Bonds	Amended for written documents to be provided at first court appearance
CP-11		Bringing Files Forward	
CP-12	-	Designation of counsel	Includes Designation of Counsel form
CP-13	-	Oaths and Affirmations	Accommodation of different cultural and religious beliefs
CP-14	-	Peace Officer Weapons in Court	
CP-15	-	Use of Restraints and Courtroom Screening	
CP-16	-	Release Orders	Criminal and civil appearances – includes affidavit
CP-17	-	Accommodation in the Courtroom	Adapted from SC GENERAL-21
CP-18	-	Proceedings in French	
CP-19	-	Tendering Dangerous Exhibits	
CP-20	-	Special Circuit Sittings	

TECHNOLOGY

New #	Old #	Name	Comments
TECH-1	-	Access to DARS Audio Recordings of Court Proceedings	
TECH-2	-	Use of Electronic Equipment During Court Proceedings	Use by media and justice system stakeholders
TECH-3	-	Requesting Special Equipment for Court Proceedings	Sets out timelines for equipment requests
TECH-4	-	Victim Attendance as Observer by Video	Provides an option for victims to remotely observe court proceedings
TECH-5	-	Use of Electronic Equipment in Court Registry	Can take photographs of court documents that could otherwise be copied
TECH-6		Video Remand	

DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORITIES

New #	Old #	Name	Comments
DOC-1	5	Neutral Citation of Judgments	
DOC-2	14	Casebooks and Frequently Cited Authorities	Updated authorities
DOC-3	26	Identification of Notary Public or Other Person Receiving a Sworn or Affirmed Document	
DOC-4	13	Signature of Counsel	

APPLICATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

New #	Old #	Name	Comments
APP-1	23	Applications in Criminal Law Matters	Updated templates, included template for consent order
APP-2	4	Preliminary Hearing Request	
APP-3	-	Bail Assessment Reports	
APP-4	27	Assessment Orders (s. 672.11, s. 752.1. 753.01)	