

# **PRACTICE DIRECTION COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF MANITOBA**

## **RE: DETENTION REVIEW HEARINGS UNDER SECTIONS 520 AND 525 OF THE *CRIMINAL CODE***

### **ESTREATALS INVOLVING IN-CUSTODY ACCUSED**

Detention review hearings under sections 520 and 525 of the *Criminal Code* and estreatal hearings when an accused who is in custody at a Provincial Correctional Centre is required to attend will be subject to the following:

- The accused will appear remotely either by video or by teleconference from the institution in which they are located, unless the trial and motion coordinator (for Winnipeg appearances) or the local trial coordinator (for appearances outside Winnipeg) is advised by counsel or a self-represented accused at least five full business days prior to the scheduled hearing date that an accused is to appear at the hearing in person (to permit sufficient time for transportation).
- Counsel for the accused will appear in person in the judicial centre in which the matter originates, unless permission is granted in advance by the presiding judge for counsel to appear remotely and the judicial centre in which the hearing is taking place has the requisite video capacity for counsel to also attend remotely. When appearing remotely, counsel are to contact the coordinator for the judicial centre in which the matter is proceeding to obtain call-in instructions.
- The foregoing is subject to any direction by a judge that an accused is to appear in person.
- This new procedure will begin **September 8, 2026**. In the Winnipeg Judicial Centre, estreatal hearings, which have typically taken place on the last Monday of the month, will take place on the last Tuesday of the month.
- None of the foregoing otherwise alters or changes any existing practice directions or scheduling of these hearings. Applications with supporting materials must still be filed, and applications must still proceed, in the judicial centre in which the matter originates.

**Coming into effect:** This Practice Direction comes into effect on September 8, 2026.

#### **ISSUED BY:**

***"Original signed by Chief Justice Joyal"***

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**The Honourable Chief Justice Glenn D. Joyal  
Court of King's Bench (Manitoba)**

**DATE: May 5, 2026**