

EDMONTON REGION MATTERS SET FOR ONE OR MORE DAYS

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<u>Application:</u>

This Practice Note replaces Practice Note #2019-0929

This Practice Note applies to all court locations within the Edmonton Region, including the base Courts of Hinton, Stony Plain, St. Albert, Leduc, Sherwood Park, Fort Saskatchewan, Vermilion, St. Paul, Fort McMurray and all circuit points serviced from the base court.

This protocol applies to

- Special sittings and pre-trial conferences
- Sexual assault trials and preliminary inquiries
- All matters set for one or more days

Procedures/Guidelines:

- **1.** Due to resource challenges, the Edmonton Region can no longer facilitate the demand for pre-trial conferences.
- **2.** The courts in the Edmonton Region will no longer require that all sexual offenses and matters set for one day or greater be set for pre-trial conferences.
- **3.** Any matters set for three days or greater require a pre-trial conference to be held.
- **4.** Notwithstanding the above, pre-trial conferences will be accommodated upon request by counsel.
- **5.** The court may direct a pretrial conference at the court's discretion. This may occur in trials requiring multiple days, or trials of a complex nature.

- **6.** The setting of all trials and preliminary inquiry dates on sexual assault cases shall be spoken to in court rather than at the CMO.
- Pre-trial conference and special sitting dates may be obtained by emailing: <u>edmreg.ptcrequest@albertacourts.ca</u> (Pre-trial Conferences) or <u>edmreginquiries@albertacourts.ca</u> (Special Sitting/Trial Dates)

As per: Assistant Chief Judge Clifton G Purvis Edmonton Region