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COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

CALGARY CRIMINAL DUTY JUSTICE PILOT PROJECT

Effective January 5, 2015, the Court of Queen's Bench will appoint a criminal duty justice on a weekly basis in Calgary. The Criminal Duty Justice will handle bail reviews, pre-trial conferences, jury selections, summary conviction appeals and bail forfeitures. The introduction of this new position will not affect the way the Court deals with trial matters and will not include Criminal Appearance Court.

A copy of the weekly schedule for the criminal duty justice is attached to this Notice.

Bail forfeiture hearings will increase from once to twice monthly, and will be heard on the second and fourth Wednesday morning of the month. Jury selections will move from Friday to Thursday mornings. Bail reviews will no longer be heard on Tuesday mornings.

Special applications, including lengthy bail applications or certiorari applications will continue to be scheduled as half day special applications. These matters will not necessarily be handled by the criminal duty justice.

This initiative will be monitored and subject to an informal review, which will include consultation with the bar, within the first three to four months. We welcome your comments, and ask that questions or comments on the operation of this pilot project be coordinated through the offices of the senior Federal or Provincial Crowns, or the President of the Defence Bar, who the Court would ask to take up such matters with the Court's Calgary Criminal Practice Chair as appropriate.

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Neil C. Wittmann, Chief Justice

A blue ink signature of John D. Rooke, written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

John D. Rooke, Associate Chief Justice

CALGARY CRIMINAL DUTY

WEEKS 1 - 3:

JUSTICE:

Time	Monday -	Tuesday -	Wednesday -	Thursday -	Friday -
9:00 AM	Bail	PTC	Bail	Bail	Bail
10:00 AM	Reading	Reading	Reading	Jury Selection	SCA's
10:45 AM					
12:00 PM					
1:30 PM	PTC	PTC	PTC		
2:00 PM				Reading	Miscellaneous
2:15 PM	PTC	PTC	PTC		
3:00 PM	PTC	PTC	PTC		
3:45 PM	PTC	PTC	PTC		
4:30 PM					

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