

## **PRACTICE NOTE 2015-01**

### **COURTROOM 505**

**(REPLACES PRACTICE NOTE 2010-4)**

**EFFECTIVE: 12 January 2015**

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#### **COURTROOM 505**

(Federal Docket Court/ Required Appearance Court for Federal Matters– R.A.C.)

Effective January 12, 2015, this Courtroom will operate as an all-day docket Court for Federal matters on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (with no scheduled noon break).

Effective this same date, the Case Management Office (CMO) counter will commence dealing with Federal matters that were formerly dealt with in Courtroom 505 in the same manner and under the same rules as first appearance matters dealt with by the Provincial Crown.

Charging authorities will be scheduling non-custody accused first appearance Federal matters directly to the CMO counter rather than into Courtroom 505, effective January 12, 2015.

Courtroom 505 will commence at 9:00 a.m. and hear all Federal docket matters; unscheduled dispositions, scheduled bail hearings; guilty pleas and matters from the Justice of the Peace Counter (CMO). Courtroom 505 will close no earlier than 2:00 p.m. in order to deal with any non-appearance matters from the CMO.

Defence counsel continue to be expected to arrive promptly in Courtroom 505 to deal with any matters scheduled on the Courtroom 505 docket.

The Judge's name will be published for this courtroom.

All trial matters and scheduled dispositions will be scheduled through the Case Management Office into the Assignment Courtrooms; Low Complexity Courtrooms or Scheduled Disposition Courtrooms.

#### **COURT DESIGNATED SITTING TIMES**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 a.m. to Close (2 p.m. at the earliest, to deal with any CMO matters)

Thursday (Drug Treatment Court)

10:30 a.m. to close (Drug Treatment Court)

**Use of Federal Courtroom 505:**

- ❖ Unscheduled Dispositions - brief guilty pleas from the Justice of the Peace Counter (CMO). The time limit on guilty pleas is 20 minutes. Matters that require more than 20 minutes are to be scheduled into one of the scheduled Disposition Courts.
- ❖ Scheduled Show Cause Hearings - that take less than 30 minutes. The cap on Scheduled Show Cause Hearings will be 5 hearings per day. Scheduled Show Cause Hearings will follow the procedures currently in place.
- ❖ Non-appearances at CMO - If an accused has failed to attend the Justice of the Peace Counter (CMO) on a Federal matter by its 2:00 p.m. closing time; the matter will be forwarded by CMO to Courtroom 505 for consideration of a warrant, summons, etc.

Per: Asst. Chief Judge James J Ogle  
Calgary Criminal & Regional Courts  
Dated: December 12, 2014