



EDMONTON CRIMINAL PRACTICE DIRECTIVE

Edmonton Indigenous Court (EIC)

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The Edmonton Criminal Division is pleased to announce the opening of the Edmonton Indigenous Court.

The following is a brief summary of “*A Call to Action: A Guide to Edmonton Indigenous Court*” (the Guide) https://albertacourts.ca/docs/default-source/pc/eic-guide---final.pdf?sfvrsn=16061883_3/EIC-Guide---Final.pdf. Counsel and participants should familiarize themselves with the Guide before appearing in the EIC. The Guide sets out the mandate, protocols and practice of the EIC.

WHO: The EIC is for any offender who is Indigenous or who self-identifies as Indigenous.

WHERE: The EIC will sit every Thursday in Courtroom 358, commencing February 17th, 2022.

WHEN: The EIC will sit at 9:00 am and 1:30 pm, with a scheduled break for lunch.

Bail, adjournments and probation reviews will be heard in the morning; resolutions in the afternoon.

WHAT: The EIC will hear all *Criminal Code* (CC) and *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) charges for offences which have occurred in the City of Edmonton, except section 469 CC offences. Domestic violence offences can be dealt with in EIC. *Traffic Safety Act* and City of Edmonton Bylaw offences will not be heard unless they are related to a CC or CDSA offence before the EIC. Criminal offences from other jurisdictions involving indigenous offenders may be waived to EIC for bail revocation or for resolution with active Edmonton files.

HOW: All matters (bail, resolution, probation reviews) except EIC docket are to be booked by counsel through the Case Management Office (CMO) at: PC-Crim.CMO-Edmonton@just.gov.ab.ca. Unrepresented EIC participants will be assisted by Duty Counsel or an Indigenous Court Worker.

You must complete an Edmonton Indigenous Court Referral Request form and submit it electronically to: EDMP358@just.gov.ab.ca. The day before the court appearance, legal counsel are required to appear at a pre-court meeting in courtroom 358 at 10:00 am. Legal counsel may appear in-person, remotely, or through an agent. Legal Aid duty counsel attends all pre-court meetings and can assist with all agency requests. Native Counselling Services of Alberta will send an email with a video link, should legal counsel choose to appear remotely.

Note: Courtroom 446 will be closed on Thursdays and Courtroom 267 will be closed on Tuesday afternoons.

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The Provincial Court of Alberta