

# **NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION**

## **PILOT PROJECT**

**Effective date:** *May 14, 2018 (this Notice updates the Notice of February 15, 2018)*

**Court Sittings:** *Courtroom 507 (Scheduled Bail Hearings)  
Calgary Provincial Court - Criminal*

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**Purpose:**

The fundamental purpose of this Pilot Project is to ensure that those individuals who are in custody and wish to proceed to a bail hearing can do so as quickly as possible.

**Procedure:**

1. Effective May 14, 2018, Courtroom 507 will now be available for scheduled bail hearings on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings beginning at 9:30 am.
2. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, individuals scheduled for a bail hearing in Courtroom 507 will appear in person and not by CCTV. Those who choose to appear by CCTV may have their bail hearing delayed if a CCTV 'feed' is not available for the courtroom, as docket courtrooms (305, 306, 505, 508) will continue to take priority.
3. The Crown will provide time estimates for scheduled bail hearings on PRISM.
4. Bookings for all scheduled bail hearings (including those scheduled for Courtroom 306 at 12:30 pm) will be done through the Case Management Office.
5. Forty-eight hours advance booking is required for Courtroom 507 bail hearings (i.e., if booked on Monday, the earliest possible date for the bail hearing to be held will be Thursday. If booked on Wednesday, the earliest possible date for the bail hearing to be held will be the following Monday). Bail hearings scheduled for a Monday morning must be booked no later than 3:00 pm on the previous Thursday.
6. This Pilot Project does not change Practice Note 2010-3 regarding scheduled bail hearings in Courtroom 306 beginning at 12:30 pm other than the fact the Case Management Office will now be in charge of scheduling the bail hearings.

Courtroom 306 will continue to have five, thirty minute slots available for scheduled bail hearings with the intention, as it has always been, that multiple bail hearings of thirty minutes (or less) in length will be booked into this court.

7. Scheduled bail hearings are not to be booked into courtrooms other than Courtroom 507 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings at 9:30 am and daily in Courtroom 306 at 12:30 pm, unless the assigned Prosecutor is available to conduct the hearing. When both Defence Counsel and the assigned Crown Prosecutor are available to conduct the bail hearing, the matter may also be booked into either of the low complexity courtrooms (506 or 507) when time is available. Pursuant to Practice Note 2010-6 both counsel are encouraged to book bail hearings that will take half a day or longer into the Assignment Courts.
8. Defence Counsel are able to 'pre-book' scheduled bail hearings through the Case Management Office (i.e., on a date earlier than the next scheduled court appearance). When that occurs, the Case Management Office will complete a scheduling notice and forward it to the Crown's office. This scheduling notice will serve as the official brought forward notice and no additional request from the Crown's office will be required.
9. Although this Pilot Project will take effect on May 14, 2018, pursuant to this Notice, counsel may commence booking bail hearings scheduled to be heard on or after that date in courtroom 507 immediately. Bail hearings scheduled for Courtroom 306 will continue to be booked through the Case Management Office.
10. The effectiveness of this Pilot Project will be reassessed in 6 months' time.

Per: Assistant Chief Judge M.J. Durant  
Calgary Criminal and Regional Courts  
Dated: May 3, 2018