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## COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

### NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

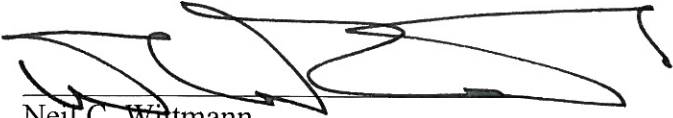
#### CRIMINAL CASE MANAGEMENT


Section 551.1 (1) of the *Criminal Code* allows the Chief Justice or a designated judge to appoint a Case Management Judge if he or she is of the opinion that it is necessary for the proper administration of justice. The Chief Justice or his designate may order a conference between the prosecutor and the accused or counsel for the accused, or a hearing be held for the purpose of deciding if the appointment will be made. The Chief Justice has designated Associate Chief Justice Rooke for the purpose of appointing a Case Management Judge for a trial that is to occur in the Judicial Centre of Edmonton. All other applications arising out of trial to be held in any other judicial centre will be made to the Chief Justice.

A party seeking the appointment of a Case Management Judge should provide to the Chief Justice or Associate Chief Justice (as applicable) the following:

- (a) the names of all counsel;
- (b) a copy of the indictment;
- (c) a list of proposed voir dire and trial witnesses;
- (d) a list of all pre-trial applications and voir dres that are proposed to be heard by a Case Management Judge before trial, as well as the anticipated duration and proposed dates for each;
- (e) reasons why the appointment of a Case Management Judge is necessary for the proper administration of justice and, additionally
  - (i) any reason(s) why any pre-trial applications and/or voir dres cannot be heard at the beginning of the trial;
  - (ii) any reason(s) why the scheduling of an early pre-trial conference would not be sufficient in lieu of case management;
  - (iii) any other reason(s) that might justify the appointment of a Case Management Judge; and
- (f) any reason(s) why the Case Management Judge should not be the Trial Judge.

Upon appointment, the Case Management Judge will be presumed to be the Trial Judge unless otherwise ordered by the Chief Justice, the Associate Chief Justice or the Case Management Judge.

  
Neil C. Wittmann,  
Chief Justice

  
John D. Rooke,  
Associate Chief Justice