

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

Setting Matters in Regular Criminal Chambers (Mondays)

This Notice to the Profession is issued so as to clarify and regularize the practice for setting matters in regular Criminal Chambers on Mondays.

The procedure for setting a criminal matter on a Monday, is similar to the procedure for setting matters in regular Family and Civil chambers. Counsel may set down any criminal matter, except for a trial or *voir dire*, on a Monday morning at 10:00 a.m., on notice to the opposite party. A notice of motion will usually be required and in that regard counsel should consult the *Criminal Procedure Rules*. A matter may be brought forward for plea in Monday Criminal Chambers without a notice of motion, but counsel must confirm to the Registry that the opposite party has agreed to the date.

Any matter that is likely to take more than 30 minutes should not be set for Monday Criminal Chambers. Instead, counsel should submit their available dates to the Registry along with an estimate of the time required, and a date will be assigned. If counsel set down on a Monday a matter that is likely to take more than 30 minutes, the presiding judge will decide whether the matter can proceed on that day or whether it will be adjourned to another date. Subject always to the direction of the presiding judge, bail reviews will be given priority on Monday mornings and forfeiture applications will be given priority on Monday afternoons.

Issued this <u>A</u> day of February 2013 by direction of the judges of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories.

Justice V.A. Schuler

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