



THE PROVINCIAL COURT
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Effective date: 23 February 2015

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PRACTICE DIRECTION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DOCKET KELOWNA AND PENTICTON REGISTRIES

Purpose

To improve the case management of domestic violence matters in the Provincial Court of British Columbia.

Application

This practice direction applies to court registries in Kelowna and Penticton, and to domestic violence cases involving intimate partner relationships.

Exclusions: This practice direction does *not* apply to cases where the offence alleged involves assault causing bodily harm, aggravated assault or assault with a weapon in a domestic setting.

Directions

1. A domestic violence docket will be scheduled on dates set by the Regional Administrative Judge.
2. The docket will be limited to eight files unless otherwise set by the Court.
3. The initial trial date will be fixed by the Court not more than 60 days from the Arraignment date.
4. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, only one Crown witness will be required for the initial trial date.
5. Continuation dates required for trials will be set within 30 days of the initial trial date.

6. Excluded cases will be scheduled according to the Court's general scheduling practices unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
7. Only the above referenced initial trial dates and continuation dates will be scheduled on the domestic violence docket unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Expectations of Counsel

Counsel are expected to reasonably arrange their calendars to facilitate the implementation of this practice direction.

History of Practice Direction

- Original practice direction dated April 26, 2013.
- Amended practice direction dated July 03, 2013.
- Amended practice direction dated February 23, 2015 (changes to formatting and wording – Kamloops registry deleted from the application of the original practice direction).
- January 8, 2020: Housekeeping update to remove “duration” section as contained information duplicated in “History of Practice Direction” section.

I make this practice direction pursuant to my authority under the *Provincial Court Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 379, and Rule 3 of the *Criminal Caseflow Management Rules*.

Thomas J. Crabtree
Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia