



COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH FOR
SASKATCHEWAN

CRIMINAL PRACTICE DIRECTIVE #2

JURY SELECTION - CRIMINAL

REFERENCE: CRIM-PD #2

Former Reference: Practice Directive #3 issued January 1, 1989

Effective: July 1, 2013

1. At the conclusion of the criminal pre-trial, the arraignment date and the trial dates will be scheduled. The arraignment date is the date where the Defendant formally appears before the court to hear the charges read and to select the jury. The Arraignment date may be a different date from the trial date. More than one Defendant may be arraigned on the arraignment date.
2. On the arraignment date a panel of jurors are summoned. Where more than one Defendant is being arraigned on the arraignment date, this jury panel may be used to select the juries for a number of trials. Any panel member selected to serve as a juror or alternate on one trial, will not be available to serve on the subsequent juries being selected that day out of the same panel.
3. All jurors will be directed to the Sheriff's office upon their arrival at the court house. Each juror will be assigned a number which they will be asked to respond to if called, instead of their name, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. A card for each juror in attendance, containing the juror's name and assigned number will be placed in the draw box. During the jury selection process, when a card is drawn the Sheriff will call the juror forward by number. The juror will only be referred to by their assigned number throughout the proceedings and will not be referred to by their name unless otherwise ordered by the Court. If more than one jury is being selected, a juror whose card is drawn and who is selected to serve on a jury, will not have their card returned to the draw box for the selection of the next jury.

4. After being selected, the jury will be excused but must return on the date and time when the trial is scheduled to commence. Jurors will be sworn-in at the commencement of the trial.
5. The judge who presides at the arraignment and selection of the jury or juries, may or may not be the same judge who presides over any of the trials.
6. The accused and their counsel must be present on the arraignment date. Guilty pleas or re-elections may be taken on that date and, where necessary, bench warrants will be issued.
7. It is the responsibility of the Crown and Defence to summon their witnesses to testify on the trial date.
8. A judge may adjourn the arraignment of any Accused, if there are an insufficient number of persons remaining on the panel to allow for all possible challenges that may occur in the course of selecting a jury. .

Chief Justice M. D. Popescul