



THE PROVINCIAL COURT
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Effective Date: *19 December 2024*

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PRACTICE DIRECTION

SCHEDULING OF CONTINUATIONS IN SMALL CLAIMS MATTERS

Purpose

To ensure small claims trials or hearings, once commenced, are concluded within a reasonable time.

Application

This practice direction applies to small claims matters in all court locations in the Province.

Directions

1. When a scheduled small claims trial or hearing has not been completed in the time provided, the court will schedule the continuation of the matter as soon as possible and without undue delay, having regard to the nature of the proceeding, the age of the case and any other factors which impact the urgency of the matter.
2. The Judicial Case Manager has the discretion to put the matter before the trial judge, Regional Administrative Judge or Local Liaison Judge (where applicable) for direction by a judge.

History of Practice Direction

- Original practice direction December 19, 2024.

I make this practice direction pursuant to my authority under the *Provincial Court Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 379, and the *Small Claims Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 430.

Melissa Gillespie
Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia