

4. In cases heard by the Justice Centre the accused will be present before the Judicial Justice by videoconference or audioconference, if the technological means is satisfactory to the Judicial Justice.
5. Initial contact with the Justice Centre for bail applications, outside of court sitting hours, can be made by telephone at (604) 660-3263.

History of Practice Direction

- Original practice direction dated February 09, 2009 replacing the practice direction titled *Hearings of Bail Applications by the Justice Centre* dated March 04, 2005.
- Amended practice direction dated February 23, 2015 (changes to wording and formatting only).
- Amended practice direction dated September 18, 2019 (consequential amendment to para. 4 further to Bill C-75 amendments regarding audioconference and videoconference).
- Amended practice direction dated November 26, 2019 (amendment to para. 2 clarifying current process regarding access to the Justice Centre).
- January 8, 2020: Housekeeping update to remove “dupe” section as contained information duplicated in “History of Practice Direction” section.
- April 19, 2021: amended “Application” section - consequential reference to CRIM 14 Northern Bail Pilot Project for bail hearings for all adult and youth criminal files in the Northern Region.
- July 18, 2022: amended “Application” section consequential to CRIM 14 Northern and Interior Bail Pilot Project and housekeeping update to para. 1.
- January 9, 2023: amended “Application” section consequential to revised CRIM 14 Practice Direction: Northern, Interior, and Island Bail Pilot Project.

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*.

Melissa Gillespie
Chief Judge
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