

**LEGAL AID MANITOBA  
BIG CASE MANAGEMENT OPINION FORM  
PRELIMINARY HEARING OR TRIAL PROCEEDINGS**

**1) GENERAL MATTERS**

a. Certificate Number \_\_\_\_\_ b. LAM Case Manager/Area Director \_\_\_\_\_

c. Client Name \_\_\_\_\_ d. Counsel Name \_\_\_\_\_

e. Charges \_\_\_\_\_ f. Names and Counsel \_\_\_\_\_  
for co-accused \_\_\_\_\_

g. Name(s) of Crown Attorney(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

h. Is it a retrial?  Yes  No i. Project Name (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes, please include a copy of  
Court of Appeal judgment and reasons**

j. Has the case had substantial coverage in the media?  Yes  No

k. Provide a description of your client's alleged involvement and the extent of the Crown's case against him/her:

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l. Please indicate the degree to which evidence disclosed relates to your client:

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o. Please provide a general description of your theory of defence:

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**Disclosure**

a. List the volume and type of disclosure material (list all those which apply):

|                                | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Content Type</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Hard copy pages                | _____           | _____               |
| CD ROM Disks                   | _____           | _____               |
| DVD Disks                      | _____           | _____               |
| Videotapes                     | _____           | _____               |
| Transcripts                    | _____           | _____               |
| Expert Reports                 | _____           | _____               |
| Photographs/Video Surveillance | _____           | _____               |
| Other (please specify)         |                 |                     |
| _____                          |                 |                     |
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b. Is disclosure complete? [ ]Yes [ ] No

c. Is a motion for disclosure likely before the preliminary hearing? [ ]Yes [ ] No Trial? [ ]Yes [ ] No

**Witnesses**

a. Total no. of potential police witnesses: \_\_\_\_\_ b. No. police witnesses to be called at trial: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Total no. of potential civilian witnesses: \_\_\_\_\_ d. No. civilian witnesses to be called at trial: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Is any expert evidence anticipated? [ ]Yes [ ] No

|                | <u>Area of Expertise</u> | <u>Rationale</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| By the Crown   | _____                    | _____            |
|                | _____                    | _____            |
|                | _____                    | _____            |
| By the Defence | _____                    | _____            |
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**Counsel**

a. Preparation time expended by counsel to date: \_\_\_\_\_ hrs

b. Request for Junior Counsel [ ] Yes [ ] No      Junior Counsel/Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for junior counsel:

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| c. Preparation time estimates   | Senior Counsel | Junior Counsel |
| 1. Preliminary Hearing (in hrs) | _____          | _____          |
| 2. Trial (in hrs)               | _____          | _____          |

d. Number of days set for pre-trial motions? \_\_\_\_\_ days

**Disbursements**

| <i><u>Estimated Disbursement Costs</u></i> | <i><u>Cost</u></i> | <i><u>Rationale</u></i> |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Private Investigators                      | _____              | _____<br>_____<br>_____ |
| Expert Witnesses                           | _____              | _____<br>_____<br>_____ |
| Expert witness reports                     | _____              | _____<br>_____<br>_____ |
| Other                                      | _____              | _____<br>_____<br>_____ |
| Total estimated disbursement costs         | _____              |                         |



