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59 - 2025 NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

Buy Canadian Act Procurement Policy

In accordance with Bill 42, LAM along with other government departments, special operating agencies and Crown Corporations has been directed to prioritize Canadian Suppliers. While this may have limited impact on Counsel it is a good opportunity to remind counsel that where ever possible they should attempt to use Canadian goods and services when dealing with cases.

Specifically Counsel will be expected to use local experts where possible and where not possible, counsel should first look to other Canadian experts before considering those from outside the country. Counsel will be expected to justify the decision to not use local experts when making the request through PBOOnline or LAMAS.

Government Air Use

Counsel who are using Government Air are reminded that they must provide a travel authorized certificate number when booking the flight or indicating that they are the Designated Duty Counsel for that particular circuit court. Simply noting Defence is not sufficient. Counsel who are not the Designated Duty Counsel or who have not provided a certificate number with travel authorization will be billed back by the province for their flight costs.

Northern Development Incentive

LAM recognizes the added difficulties in maintaining a law practice in Northern Manitoba. While we are continuing to work on long term projects to increase access to justice in the north we are introducing a 10% incentive on all files issued to counsel who have a brick and mortar presence north of the 53 parallel. This initiative is meant to support lawyers who live and work in the north.

This incentive will be in place for all legal matters issued on or after August 1, 2025 and will continue at the discretion of the Executive Director. The increase will be available through a check box when you are billing out your file.

To be eligible counsel must have a permanent office location north of the 53rd Parallel and the matter must deal with a legal matter in the north. The one exception will be appeals where the matter being appealed commenced in the north but the hearing is south of the 53rd Parallel.