



# Alberta Government

# **Court Case Management**

# **CCM Says Farewell to Martin Elton**

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#### Special points of interest:

- Martin Elton
- Digital Evidence Transfer Pilot
- Criminal e-file
- RCS enhancements
- CSS improvements
- PRISM

The implementation of the Court Case Management project has always required the participation of all of our stakeholders in order to ensure success. Few have spent as much time and given so much of their expertise as former Assistant Chief Crown Prosecutor. Martin Elton. Martin has been an important part of CCM since its inception in 2008. He has always found the time to share his experience and insights and has made the project better for it. As Deputy Chief Judge Lefever put it, "Since we began, Martin was a solid supporter of the changes that were made, prepared to embrace change where appropriate, and has been a significant part of CCM success in Edmonton." Branka Micevic, business analyst with CCM, has had the pleasure of working with Martin both in the Crown's office and on the CCM project. "To work with someone like Martin was a wonderful experience. He could give direction but at the same time was an incredible support. He was a rich source of valuable ideas and always had a solution. I will miss him!" CCM Project Lead, Tim Owens, has worked with Martin for years on the project and can best sum up the feelings that many people have expressed. "It was a true privilege to have been able to work with Martin on the development and implementation of CCM. Martin's passion for the 'art' of criminal justice was palpable. He was a master communicator and won the admiration and respect of everyone involved. He



Martin Elton—Former Assistant Chief Crown Prosecutor in Edmonton

took time to listen and understand the points of view of everyone involved in the process - judges, Court Services, police etc. - always with a view to achieving a 'win/win' outcome. There is a Yiddish word that best describes Martin, in my humble opinion. The word is 'mensch'. Martin is a real mensch. The key to being a real mensch is nothing less than character, rectitude, dignity, a sense of what is right, responsible, and decorous. Thank you Martin – it was a great trip!" We all wish Martin continued success in his new role as a Justice of the Peace.

# Things We're Working On

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## **Digital Evidence Transfer Pilot**

The Edmonton Police Service (EPS) and the Edmonton Crown office are undertaking a pilot to assess an alternative for the transmitting of videos and e-documents associated with the prosecution package. This initiative kicked off in June and is scheduled to conclude the end of February 2013. The purpose of the pilot is to test advanced approaches for supporting the functionality for multiple copy, investigative reports, and video viewing format for digital evidence. The next observers' session will be scheduled in January 2013 to review the experience on the pilot. Further discussion is taking place on distribution and hosting of video material. For now, the videos will be downloaded on the Crown shared drive. The initial design session was held and another session is being scheduled for early February. This session will provide a series of recommendations which will form part of the final report.

#### **Criminal E-File**

The integration planning between the Criminal e-File Proof of Concept initiative and other parts of CCM was completed and has been moved into the go forward initiative planning. This will see the implementation of an approach suitable for the records management service required for prosecution file and disclosure management during the 2013 calendar year. Future state design has been completed.

#### **RCS Enhancements**

There will be some improvements upcoming for the Remote Courtroom Scheduling application. When the user selects "Designation of Counsel" form (DOC) on RCS, the information that has been selected from the search screen including the name of the accused, docket number and charges, will pre-populate on the form as well as the defence counsel's name. This will assist in preparing the DOCs. Work is continuing on preparing a universal disclosure form that will be available on RCS.

### **CASS Improvements**

Work is continuing on release 3.0 of the Court Appearance Scheduling System with a target date of March. One of the main features of this release is the interface of CASS endorsements back to JOIN. This will remove the requirement for duplicate data entry on CMO files in the Clerks office. Additional features include the ability of CASS to display two courtrooms under "display all dates" instead of one, RAC notes will display on the Court Appearance Scheduling screen and the ability to re-use and re-activate time.

#### **PRISM**

Testing will begin next week on some enhancements to PRISM. An icon has been created to allow the user direct access from PRISM into the file documents on the shared drive in Edmonton, Calgary and Medicine Hat. This will provide a more convenient solution until Open Text is ready to be implemented.