

APPENDIX “A”

Identifying A Complex Case

The Information

Multiple accuseds and/or multiple charges

Charges covering a long period of time

Nature of the Charges

Historical allegations (ex. sexual assault);

Prosecutions including complex conspiracy, tax evasion activities or commercial fraud

Organized crime and criminal organization offences

National security matters

Terrorism

Determination of aboriginal and Metis rights

Major IRPA offences

Dangerous offender/long term offender applications

Fatality or homicide cases

Hate crimes

Disclosure

Voluminous disclosure

Disclosure applications

Whether information gathered in other investigations is relevant to an issue in the case

Special Needs Complainants and/or Witnesses

Vulnerable witnesses, such as very young complainants

Complainants/witnesses requiring accommodations for disability, e.g. hearing, cognitive impairment

Pre-trial Applications

Multiple or complex voir dire issues such as:

Admissibility of evidence (non-Charter) such as statement voluntariness, sexual history, private records, similar act evidence

Severance of accused or counts

Stays of proceedings for unreasonable delay or abuse of process

Charter applications

Part VI wiretap applications

Media applications

Requirement for *in camera* proceedings

Trial

The quantity of evidence gathered in the course of the investigation

Novel or complicated legal and/or evidentiary issues

A large number of significant issues in dispute

Challenges to established laws or procedures

Novel and substantive challenges to legislation involving constitutional questions or interpretations of legislation

A large number of witnesses

Significant requirements for expert evidence

Presentation of Evidence

Non-simple technical presentation of evidence

Witnesses by video-link, CCTV, wiretap

Language interpretation requirements

Other**Issues of legal aid or retainer issues that need to be resolved**

Unrepresented/self-represented accused

Unrepresented/self-represented accused with special issues/needs, such as mental health issues/needs;

Litigation involving Freeman on the Land.

High profile matters subject to media scrutiny