

PRE-TRIAL PROCEDURES

RULE 46

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To be Named in Statement of Claim

- 46.01** (1) The plaintiff shall name in the statement of claim the place where he proposes the action is to be tried.
- (2) Where no place has been named for the trial of the action the place shall be where the statement of claim was issued.
- (3) In a divorce action the place of trial shall be named in accordance with Rule 70.17, and in a family law proceeding it shall be named in accordance with Rule 71.05.

Changing Place of Trial

- 46.02** The court on motion of any party may order that the trial be held at a place other than determined by Rule 46.01 where the court is satisfied that,
- (a) the balance of convenience substantially favours the holding of the trial at another place; or
- (b) it is likely that a fair trial cannot be had at the place named in the statement of claim.

Polar Foods v. Jensen 2002 PESCTD 63

The defendant's motion to stay the proceeding on the grounds of *forum non conveniens* was dismissed because the defendant did not establish there was a more convenient or appropriate forum than P.E.I. See: Annotation – Rule 21.01(3).

DesRoches v. Di-Carra Inc., [1999] P.E.I.J. No. 107 (Q.L.) (P.E.I.S.C.T.D.)

In her statement of claim the plaintiff alleged wrongful dismissal by the defendants and she indicated that the place of trial was to be Charlottetown. Both defendants carried on business in Summerside and the individual defendant resided in Summerside. The defendant brought a motion to change the place of trial to Summerside. The motion was granted. The defendant had established, on the balance of convenience, that the trial should be held at a place other than the place named by the plaintiff in the statement of claim.

