

June 1, 2020

Non-urgent civil motions and applications, pre-trial conferences and case conferences are now being heard in Ottawa

From: Justice Sally Gomery, Local Administrative Judge for Civil Matters in Ottawa

If you have an *ex parte*, unopposed or consent motion or application, or a motion or application that the parties agree may be heard in writing, you may simply file the materials electronically to obtain a hearing.

If you have a **contested motion or application** that was set to proceed at 161 Elgin Street between March 16 and July 31st, 2020, you are invited and encouraged to request a hearing via telephone, videoconference or in writing. The court is currently booking hearing dates beginning in early June. The triage judge may deny a request for hearing if he or she determines that the matter should not be heard remotely at this time.

If you had a **pre-trial conference** or **case conference** scheduled over this same period, you are likewise invited and encouraged to request a new date for a remote conference.

If you had a **motion or application** that was **underway but adjourned** as of mid-March, you may request that the hearing be completed remotely.

If parties are unable to agree on how to proceed given the restrictions in place as a result of Covid-19, or seek a hearing in a matter not mentioned here, they may request a **case conference to obtain directions**.

Detailed instructions on how to make a request for hearing or a conference are set out in the *Directions on Additional Civil Matters that may be heard in Ottawa as of May 19, 2020*, posted here: <https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.ccla-abcc.ca/resource/resmgr/news/may13eastcivilen.pdf>.

As of August 4, 2020, the Superior Court will hear civil motions and applications currently scheduled to be heard as of that date. Civil pre-trial conferences and case conferences set as of August 4, 2020 will also recommence as scheduled. **If you have a motion, application or conference scheduled as of August 4, 2020, you should assume that it will proceed.** Further instructions about how these matters will proceed will be provided in due course.