

## **HINTS AND TIPS FROM THE PROTHONOTARY - REGISTRAR**

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### **COURT DOCKETS for July, August and September:**

**Please note: the Prothonotaries' Offices will be closed on the following holidays:  
Monday, August 1 and Monday, September 5**

#### **A) Court of Appeal:**

Court of Appeal regular chambers will be held on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. July through September. Court of Appeal telechambers are held on Wednesdays at pre-appointed times, except for the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>, when telechambers will be held on Friday, September 23. Please call ahead to the Deputy Registrar, Cherri Brown, at 424-6937 to book a time.

The Court of Appeal posts the docket for appeal hearings, including the date, time, location of the appeal and the panel members, on its website:

[http://courts.ns.ca/Appeal\\_Court/NSCA\\_dockets.htm](http://courts.ns.ca/Appeal_Court/NSCA_dockets.htm)

In addition to posting the current appealing hearing term, the Court now posts a 'Rolling Docket', which means that once appeals are set down they are added to the online docket.

#### **B) Supreme Court:**

Supreme Court Crownside in Halifax will be held on the following Thursdays at 9:00 am: July 28, August 11 and 25, and September 8, 15, 22 and 29.

In July and August the summer chambers schedule will be in effect in Halifax. During these two months, there will be no general chambers held on Mondays or Fridays. **There will be no general chambers on September 30.**

Appearance days will be held on Fridays at noon in Halifax July through September with the following exceptions: **there will be no appearance day on September 30.**

## **SUPREME COURT:**

### **1. CIVIL PROCEDURE RULES & PRACTICE MEMORANDA – additions & amendments**

The judges of the Supreme Court approved new additions and amendments to the Civil Procedure Rules & Practice Memoranda on June 24, 2016. The amendments to the Rules may be found here:

[http://courts.ns.ca/Civil\\_Procedure\\_Rules/documents/nssc\\_amendments\\_16\\_06\\_24.pdf](http://courts.ns.ca/Civil_Procedure_Rules/documents/nssc_amendments_16_06_24.pdf)

***These Rule amendments also include amendments to Form 79.17A – Execution Order, and Form 63.05 – Notice of Summary Conviction Appeal. These updated forms will be posted on the Courts’ website in due course, so kindly ensure you update your precedents.***

The new Practice Memorandum #10 – Taxable Disbursements Under Rule 77.10(1), may be found here: [http://courts.ns.ca/Civil\\_Procedure\\_Rules/PracticeMemorandum10.htm](http://courts.ns.ca/Civil_Procedure_Rules/PracticeMemorandum10.htm)

The amendments made to Practice Memorandum #1 – Foreclosure Procedures, may be found here:

[http://courts.ns.ca/Civil\\_Procedure\\_Rules/documents/PracticeMemorandum1\\_ForeclosureProcedures\\_June2016.pdf](http://courts.ns.ca/Civil_Procedure_Rules/documents/PracticeMemorandum1_ForeclosureProcedures_June2016.pdf)

## **BOTH COURTS:**

### **Free Legal Clinic at the Law Courts**

The Law Courts in Halifax continues to be home to the Free Legal Clinic. The Clinic is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Courts, and is held every Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm in two simultaneous 1 hour sessions held by volunteer lawyers.

The Clinic is intended for self-represented litigants with limited to little experience in the court system. The Clinic provides service for civil matters at the Supreme Court (General Division) and at Court of Appeal, including family law appeals but excluding child protection appeals. It will not provide service on any criminal matters in either court. Assistant for family law appeals at the Court of Appeal will be provided approximately one Thursday per month.

If you have any litigants in mind that you believe might benefit from this service, kindly refer them to the Court Administration office at the Law Courts. Litigants may initiate the sign up process in person or by telephone at 424-6900 for Supreme Court matters, and 424-6937 for Court of Appeal matters. For more information, go to the Courts website: [http://courts.ns.ca/self\\_reps/nsca-nssc\\_free\\_legal\\_clinic.htm](http://courts.ns.ca/self_reps/nsca-nssc_free_legal_clinic.htm)

## **Liaison Committees**

Both the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court have Liaison Committees that are composed of members of both the Bar and Bench. These Committees sit approximately twice a year. Counsel are reminded that they are invited to bring forward items they would like raised at Liaison Committee meetings to Bar members of the relevant committees. Current information on committee membership may be obtained from the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society.