## HOW TO FILE A NOTICE OF CONTEST TO A CYBER-BULLYING APPLICATION (ADULT) IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

1. <u>Practice Memorandum No. 13</u> ( (PM No.13) allows a person who is the victim of cyber-bullying to apply for a cyber-protection order about cyber-bullying.

Alternate Resolution: The complaint may not need to go to court. CyberSCAN can help to resolve the issues. A person who wishes to start a cyber-bullying proceeding in court should contact CyberSCAN if they have not already done so. They can be reached at <u>https://novascotia.ca/cyberscan/</u> or call (855) 702-8324.

2. A person contesting a cyber-protection order must file a Notice of Contest (Cyberprotection Chambers Application) [Form 5.03 is also found in PM No.13] as a Respondent.

There is no court filing fee for a Notice of Contest (Chambers Application).

- **3.** The Notice of Contest (Cyber-protection Chambers Application) once filed with the court becomes official indication of the Respondent's desire to contest the application.
- **4.** Carefully read the Notice of Contest (Cyber-protection Chambers Application) and complete the document with your own information as follows:

a) a statement indicating which of the material facts in the applicant's grounds are admitted, which are denied, and which are neither admitted nor denied,

b) a concise statement of the grounds relied on by you to contest the application, including material facts you seek to establish and a reference to legislation relied on by you in advancing your position,

- c) a listing of each affidavit relied on by you,
- d) your contact information.
- **5.** A Respondent must file the following documents **no more than 5 days**\* after the date the application was received (served) in accordance with Civil Procedure Rule 5.06(2):
  - a) Notice of Contest (Cyber-protection Chambers Application) [Form 5.03 is also found in PM No.13]
  - **b)** Affidavit in support of application (Form 39.08 is found in PM No.13)
- 6. A copy of the Notice of Contest (Cyber-protection Chambers Application) must be delivered (notified in accordance with Civil Procedure Rule 31.02) to the Applicant as soon as possible and **no more than 5 days**\* after the date the application was received (served) in accordance with Civil Procedure Rule 31.15.
  - a) Additionally, a copy of the affidavit outlined in **5** above must be delivered to the Applicant in the same timeframe, in accordance with Civil Procedure Rule 31.15.

- **b)** Delivery is made to the Applicant's designated address, in accordance with Civil Procedure Rule 31.15.
- 7. A Respondent must file a Brief of Law (2 copies) and deliver a copy to each of the Respondents, **no less than 2 days**\* before the day the application is to be heard in accordance with Civil Procedure Rules 5.06(2) and 31.15.

\* **NOTE:** Days are calculated in accordance with Civil Procedure Rule 94 – the days counted are those between the two events and the following days are **not included** in the period of days: the day of service or delivery, the day of the hearing, Saturdays, Sundays or any weekday that the Prothonotary's office is closed.

Further information is available on

- the **CyberScan** Website: <u>https://novascotia.ca/cyberscan/</u>
- Booklet: What you need to know about the Intimate Images & Cyber-Protection Act https://novascotia.ca/cyberscan/documents/What%20You%20Need%20To%20Know% 20about%20the%20Intimate%20Images%20and%20Cyber-Protection%20Act.pdf
- Nova Scotia Supreme Court Practice Memorandum No. 13 <u>#13 Intimate Images and Cyber-Protection | Supreme Court of Nova Scotia</u> <u>Practice Memorandums/Notes de pratique de la Cour suprême de la Nouvelle-Écosse | Nova Scotia Courts (lexum.com)</u>

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