## HOW TO FILE A MOTION TO EXTEND, VARY OR TERMINATE A CYBER-PROTECTION ORDER (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 unlawful electronic distribution of intimate images or a victim of cyber-bullying to make a motion to extend, vary or terminate a cyber-protection order.

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 https://novascotia.ca/cyberscan/ or call (855) 702-8324.

- A person seeking to extend, vary or terminate a cyber-protection order must make a motion by filing a Notice of Motion (Extend, Vary or Terminate a Cyber-Protection Order) [Notice of Motion Form is found in PM No.13].
  The filing fee is \$66.00.
- 3. The Applicant must take reasonable steps to select a time for the court hearing that is convenient for each Respondent's counsel and each Respondent who acts on their own, in accordance with Civil Procedure Rule 23.04(3).
- **4.** An Applicant must file the following documents **no less than 5 days**\* before the day the motion is to be heard in accordance with Civil Procedure Rule 23.11(1):
  - a) Notice of Motion (Extend, Vary or Terminate a Cyber-Protection Order) [Notice of Motion Form is found in PM No.13].
  - **b)** Affidavit in support of application [Form 39.08 is found in PM No.13]
  - c) Draft Order [Form of Order to Extend, Vary or Terminate a Cyber-Protection Order is found in PM No.13] no less than 3 copies of draft, providing for the order to:
    - 1. extend a cyber-protection order,
    - 2. vary a cyber-protection order, or
    - 3. terminate a cyber-protection order.
- 5. A copy of the Notice of Motion (Extend, Vary or Terminate a Cyber-Protection Order) must be personally served (notified in accordance with Civil Procedure Rule 31.02) to each of the Respondents as soon as possible and **no less than 5 days**\* before the day the motion is to be heard in accordance with Civil Procedure Rule 23.11(1): [Affidavit of Service is found in PM No.13].
  - a) Additionally, a copy of the affidavit and draft order outlined in **4** above must be delivered to each of the Respondents in the same timeframe, in accordance with Civil Procedure Rule 31.15.
  - **b)** Personal service must be done by a literate person who is not a party in the proceeding, in accordance with Civil Procedure Rule 31.04.

- 6. An Applicant must file a Brief of Law (2 copies) and deliver a copy to each of the Respondents, **no less than 5 days\*** before the day the motion is to be heard in accordance with Civil Procedure Rules 23.11(1) and 31.15.
- 7. If the Respondent does not file a document in response, the Applicant must either:
  - a) file an affidavit of service proving required notice (personal service) was done no less than 5 days before the day the motion is heard and in accordance with Civil Procedure Rule 31 – Notice, or
  - **b)** advise the prothonotary that notice has not been given.

which must be done **no less than 2 days**\* before the day the application is to be heard in accordance with Civil Procedure Rule 23.11(1).

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