

HINTS AND TIPS FROM THE PROTHONOTARY - REGISTRAR

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COURT DOCKETS for June, July and August:

Please note: the Prothonotaries' Offices will be closed on the following holidays: Monday, July 3, Monday, Aug. 7, and Monday, Sept. 4

A) Court of Appeal:

Court of Appeal regular chambers will be held on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Court of Appeal telechambers are held on Wednesdays at pre-appointed times. Please call ahead to the Deputy Registrar, Cherri Brown, at 902-424-6937 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>

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:

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.

Crownside in Halifax will be held on the following Thursdays at 9:00 am: July 13, July 27, Aug. 10 and Aug. 24.

Appearance days will be held on Fridays at noon in Halifax with the following exceptions: **there will be no appearance day on June 23.**

PROBATE COURT:

Please be advised that the Probate Court has its own fax number: 902-428-2224. Litigants are asked to use this fax number, and not the general Court Administration fax number, when sending documents to Probate Court.

SUPREME COURT:

Civil Procedure Rules – Amendments

The Judges of the Supreme Court approved amendments to the Civil Procedure Rules on May 11, 2017. The amendments may be viewed on the Court's website at: http://www.courts.ns.ca/Civil_Procedure_Rules/documents/nssc_amendments_17_05_11.pdf.

The official consolidated version of the Rules and Forms have been updated to incorporate these amendments. As always, these may be viewed on the Court's website at: http://courts.ns.ca/Civil_Procedure_Rules/cpr_home.htm. The interactive forms will be updated in due course.

The recent amendments include the following:

- A new Rule 76A on Quieting of Titles
- Amendments to Rules 61 and 62 (and corresponding forms)
- Amendment to Rule 26 on case management
- Amendment to Rule 30 on motions to the prothonotary

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 2nd floor of the Law Courts, 1815 Upper Water St., and is held most Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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 signup process in person or by telephone at 902-424-6900 for Supreme Court matters, and 902-424-6937 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

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.