

HINTS AND TIPS FROM THE PROTHONOTARY - REGISTRAR

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COURT DOCKETS for January, February and March:

A) Court of Appeal:

Court of Appeal regular chambers will be held on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. through January to March. Court of Appeal telechambers are held on Wednesdays at pre-appointed times. Please call ahead to the Deputy Registrar, Cheri 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 The docket for the January / February 2016 appeal hearing term is now online.

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: January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18 and 25 and March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Appearance days will be held on Fridays at noon in Halifax through January to March with the following exceptions: **there will be no appearance day on January 29, February 26 or March 25.**

Please note: the Prothonotaries' Offices will be closed on the following holidays:

- Monday, February 25

- Friday, March 25 and Monday March 28

SUPREME COURT:

Numbering pages of briefs

The Court reminds counsel to please ensure the pages of their briefs are numbered. Many briefs are being filed with neither page numbering nor paragraph numbering.

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, 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. The next family sessions are scheduled for February 11, March 3 and 31.

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

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.