



MEDIA ADVISORY: CHANGES TO COURTROOM 502 AT THE LAW COURTS

Monday, Sept. 9, 2019 (Halifax, NS) – Members of the media are invited to an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 10, including a demonstration of the new fully integrated audio and visual system for the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal.

When: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019

Where: Courtroom 502, 5th Floor, The Law Courts, 1815 Upper Water St., Halifax

Over the summer, Courtroom 502 was upgraded to prepare for a lengthy appeal hearing that starts this week. Crews replaced the carpets and installed monitors and speakers throughout the courtroom, part of a new system that allows evidence and exhibits to be viewed electronically. Courtroom 502 is now considered to be the most technologically advanced courtroom in Nova Scotia.

The new system includes VoiceLift technology, which amplifies people's voices and enables a better hearing experience for everyone in the courtroom; fully integrated video and telephone conferencing capabilities that connect all microphones in the courtroom and the video and teleconferencing units through one speaker system; and a media box so journalists can plug in directly to the audio system.

The Honourable Michael Wood, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, and representatives from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice will be on hand to speak about the benefits of the system.

The appeal hearing for *Daniel Frederick Potter v. Her Majesty the Queen* and *Robert Blois Colpitts v. Her Majesty the Queen* begins Wednesday, Sept. 11, in Courtroom 502 and will continue through to Friday, Sept. 20 (eight full days). More information on that appeal is available online at http://www.courts.ns.ca/appeal_court/Sept-Oct_2019.htm.

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