



## **COVID-19: MOTIONS FOR DIRECTIONS TO BE HELD IN-PERSON IN HALIFAX**

**Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020**

The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia (General Division) is further expanding the types of matters that can be held in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On June 15, 2020, the Supreme Court transitioned to a safe services model, which meant counsel and parties no longer had to establish that a matter was urgent or essential to proceed in-person. Non-urgent in-person hearings are now regularly permitted, provided they can be conducted safely and in accordance with the COVID-19 Court Recovery Plan and established public health protocols to protect against the spread of the coronavirus.

Effective Nov. 16, 2020, all Motions for Directions scheduled at the Law Courts in Halifax will be held in-person, unless otherwise noted by the presiding judge. Motions for Directions are procedural appearances in certain types of Supreme Court matters held to discuss such things as scheduling of hearing dates, filing of documents and other case management issues.

Other types of matters scheduled in General Chambers will continue to be held by video or telephone. For more details on Telechambers, please refer to the [April 29, 2020, notice](#).

For information on the various Supreme Court directives related to COVID-19, please visit [https://www.courts.ns.ca/News\\_of\\_Courts/COVID19\\_Preventative\\_Measures.htm](https://www.courts.ns.ca/News_of_Courts/COVID19_Preventative_Measures.htm).

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