



SUPREME COURT *of* NOVA SCOTIA (FAMILY DIVISION)

Updates from the Family Division

April 29, 2025

Kindly accept the following updates on behalf of the Family Division.

Emergency Protection Orders

The Family Division's transition of handling reviews of Emergency Protection Orders from the General Division has gone well. The processes we have put in place appear to be working so we do not anticipate any changes in the foreseeable future.

Family Division Sittings in Eskasoni

In February 2025, the Family Division started regular sittings at Eskasoni approximately every two weeks. This resulted following meetings with various stakeholders including the Department of Justice/Court Services, Mi'kmaq Family and Children's Services and Nova Scotia Legal Aid to discuss how the Court can better serve this community. We appreciate the efforts of all stakeholders to make this happen.

Bench/Bar Interaction

Judges of the Family Division have continued to do educational presentations to members of the Bar at the CBA-NS Family Section Bench/Bar Dinners. We have been advised that there have been record attendance numbers for these events which allow members of the Bar outside of the HRM to attend online.

Most recently, in March 2025, Justice Dellapinna hosted a lunch and learn presentation entitled "Refresher on Courtroom Fundamentals" at the Devonshire Courthouse. Over 50 lawyers participated in person and online.

Discussions about future judicial-led educational sessions are ongoing. We look forward to seeing you at these sessions.

Summer Emergencies

On May 27, 2024, [a Notice](#) was sent out to the Bar about filing summer emergency applications in a timely manner to ensure court time was available to deal with same. We thank the Bar for their cooperation. A similar Notice will be sent out this year.

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