



## **Late Filings – Supreme Court (Family Division)**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023**

Parties and counsel are reminded that a presiding judge has the discretion to award court costs when documents are not filed by the agreed upon deadline.

The late filing of documents in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia (Family Division) is happening more frequently. Late filing disrupts court operations and often negatively impacts the opportunity for all parties to prepare for a court appearance. Late filing is an inconvenience, it can cost parties money, and court time is often lost.

As such, effective immediately, parties and counsel may be called upon to tell the Court why costs should not be imposed for the late filing of documents.

The Court appreciates everyone's understanding and cooperation to help ensure the court operates effectively and efficiently for all court users.

Associate Chief Justice Lawrence I. O'Neil  
Supreme Court of Nova Scotia (Family Division)