

## **NOTICE to the LEGAL PROFESSION and the PUBLIC regarding the use of online claims services**

*Ministry of the Attorney General / Court Services Division / July 6, 2020*

In order to avoid unnecessary visits to the courthouse, lawyers and litigants are strongly encouraged to continue to use the Ministry of the Attorney General's online claims services to file eligible documents and to receive electronically issued documents. (Please note that *effective July 6, 2020 and until further notice, Court Services Division counter services are being offered between 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*)

- **Civil Claims Online**, which was expanded on March 23, 2020 to allow a greater number of documents to be filed online, can be accessed at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/file-civil-claim-online>. This system allows for simple online filing of more than two dozen documents/forms in civil cases in the Superior Court of Justice.
- **Family Claims Online** allows the online filing of joint or simple divorce applications to the Superior Court of Justice and can be accessed at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/file-divorce-application-online>
- **Small Claims Online** permits plaintiffs to file claims up to \$35,000 online and also pay the related fee online to the Small Claims Court. Small Claims Online can be accessed at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/file-small-claims-online>

Please also note that, at this time, select filings and requests can also continue to be submitted by email. The Superior Court of Justice's website notices outline the processes that must be followed when submitting documents and requests by email.