

Superior Court of Justice – L’Original

April 22, 2020

New Practice Directive

Conferences and Motions available between April 27 and May 27, 2020

1. Effective Monday April 27, 2020, the Court will hear Case, Settlement and Trial Management Conferences, as well as motions, urgent and non-urgent. The hearings will be conducted off-site by teleconference. The conferences and motions will be limited to 30 minutes in duration. The conferences will be held at 9am, 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm, Mondays to Wednesdays the weeks of April 27 to May 27, 2020 inclusive. Motions will be heard Fridays at 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am and 2pm.
2. The files previously set for appearances in March, April and May 2020 which have been adjourned to June 1, 2 and 3, 2020 respectively can be scheduled for conference or motion in the April 27 to May 27, 2020 session at the request of the parties, provided the matter can be fully addressed in the 30-minute allotment. The parties must agree on the date and time of the conference before reserving a conference date. If the parties are unable to agree on the hearing of a conference, or on the date of the conference, a conference can be scheduled on 7 days notice.
3. Conferences must be confirmed 3 days in advance by filing a form 17F together with a one-page summary of facts and issues. Conference briefs (case, settlement and trial management) are not required presently. Summaries accompanying the confirmation forms which exceed one page will be refused. Filing documents can be done at the counter during working hours (10am to 12pm / 2pm to 4pm), by mail or electronically via the generic email assigned to the Division.
4. New Applications may be filed presently. Such matters will be adjourned for first appearance to Monday, June 22 ,2020 at 10am. If the parties agree, a case conference date may be set in the April 27 to May 27, 2020 session, provided the pleadings are complete.
5. Urgent motions remain available at all times.

To summarize, a case, settlement or trial management conference remains available at all times by observing the following procedure:

- A) Obtain a date and time available for a conference from the Family Division
- B) Determine a date convenient to all parties
- C) Reserve the date with the Family Division
- D) Confirm the conference 3 days in advance by filing a Confirmation Form 17F and a summary not to exceed one page, of the facts and issues in replacement of a conference brief

Justice Robert Pelletier

L’Original, April 22, 2020