

## HINTS AND TIPS FROM THE PROTHONOTARY - REGISTRAR

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Supreme Court Crownside in Halifax will be held on the following dates: September 4, 11, 16 and 25<sup>th</sup> 2008.

Regular 9:30 am Supreme Court Chambers in Halifax is now being held daily with non-contested matters ONLY on Monday and Friday. Both contested and non-contested matters are heard on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Appearance Days will be held at 12 noon on September 5, 12 and 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31<sup>st</sup>, November 7, 14 and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

Please note that there will be NO Appearance Day on Friday, September 19, 2008, or on Friday, November 28, 2008.

Counsel are reminded that telephone Appearance Days are available when one or more counsel reside outside of the metro Halifax area. The telephone Appearance Days are pre-booked at either 11 am or 11:30 am on the Friday and the call is set up at the expense of the party requesting the appearance by telephone.

**NEW CIVIL PROCEDURE RULES AND FORMS** which have been adopted by the courts and will be effective January 1, 2009 are available on the courts website. The address is [www.courts.ns.ca](http://www.courts.ns.ca) under the heading RESOURCES (left hand side on home page) - box entitled Civil Procedure Rules. Parts 1 to 22 with the exception of Part 13 are adopted and posted - Part 22 are the Forms.

### **COURT OF APPEAL**

1. **Please note the following changes for the month of September to the Court of Appeal Chambers schedule: week of September 15<sup>th</sup> - telephone Chambers will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) and regular Chambers will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) AND for the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be NO Telephone Chambers and regular Chambers will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday).**

## **SUPREME COURT**

1. Counsel are reminded that they must contact the Commissionaire at The Law Courts, in the evenings or on weekends, when a case has settled and will not be proceeding to either a scheduled hearing or a scheduled trial. The Commissionaire will contact the judge to inform them of the settlement by following the established internal protocol for this purpose. The telephone number for the Commissionaire is 424-8988.
2. Counsel are also reminded that after regular business hours, in the evening after 4:30 pm and before 8:30 am in the morning as well as on weekends and holidays, should an emergency arise which requires judicial attention, counsel are to call the Commissionaire at The Law Courts at 424-8988. Counsel must identify the nature of the emergency which requires judicial intervention. The Commissionaire will then contact the judge "on call" by following the established internal protocol for this purpose. (Previously appeared in the December 4, 2006 and June 23, 2008 Hints and Tips).

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