

HINTS AND TIPS FROM THE PROTHONOTARY - REGISTRAR

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Supreme Court Crownside in Halifax will be held on the following dates: June 28th, July 12 and 26, August 9 and 23 and September 6, 2007

Appearance Days will be held weekly on Fridays at 12 noon over the summer during the months of July and August.

Commencing July 1st and continuing until and including September 3, 2007, there will be no Chambers held in Halifax weekly on Monday or Friday. Both contested and no-contested matters will only be heard on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

COURT OF APPEAL

1. As Registrar of the court, in an effort to assist counsel and their assistants who prepare Appeal Books, I will be offering an 1.5 hour session on the preparation of an Appeal Book. I will offer the session twice: on September 14th from 9:30 to 11 am and repeat the session on September 28th from 9:30 to 11 am. Both sessions will be held here at The Law Courts. To determine the interest for such sessions, I would ask that interested persons e-mail me at boucheam@gov.ns.ca no later than August 15th to indicate your name and the session you wish to attend. There is no cost for the session. The Director of Communications for the Nova Scotia Judiciary will be video taping the presentation which will be accessible to interested persons who are not able to attend either of the sessions.
2. When requesting copies of audio recordings of court proceedings counsel are asked to use the most recent version of the request form which is located on the court website at: <http://www.courts.ns.ca/General/bar.htm> It appears that counsel are submitting older versions of the request form. Also, once duly completed, request forms are to be faxed to the courthouse where the proceedings took place for which the audio request is being made. Counsel have recently been faxing the Executive Office of the Nova Scotia Judiciary with their requests.

SUPREME COURT

1. There still appears to be a number of “wrinkles” in the application of new Practice Memorandum # 13 section 2.9, post-sale procedure to confirm a Sheriff’s sale.

When counsel are providing copies of the tear sheets of the advertisements, they need to be legible. Counsel are shrinking the tear sheet to a point that they cannot be read. ALSO, confirmation of delivery of the Notice of Public Auction to any subsequent encumbrancer is required - counsel are only providing the copy of their Canada Post receipt confirming the letter was sent to the subsequent encumbrancer but not the proof of delivery. The proof of delivery can be printed from the Canada Post website using the confirmation number on the mailing receipt.

2. Counsel and self-represented litigants are reminded that all written communication to the court and/or judge must be copied to all the other parties on the court file.

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