HINTS AND TIPS FROM THE PROTHONOTARY - REGISTRAR

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July 28, 2006

Supreme Court Crownside in Halifax will be held on the following dates: August 10 and 24th, 2006.

Appearance Days will continue to be held weekly on Fridays at 12 noon during the month of August, 2006.

COURT OF APPEAL

1. Counsel are advised that effective June 16, 2006, Civil Procedure Rule 62.05 (3) will be amended to clear state that three (3) clear days are required between the filing of the interlocutory appeal and the Chambers hearing to set the appeal down for hearing. This will create consistency with Civil Procedure Rule 62.31 (3).

2. For the week of September 11, 2006, please note that telephone Chambers will be held on **TUESDAY**, September 12th and regular Chambers will be held on **WEDNESDAY**, September 13th.

3. Where Appellants are represented by counsel on criminal appeals, counsel are reminded that applications to set down the appeals can be made by telephone Chambers. Telephone Chambers are normally held on Wednesday at a time pre-arranged with Ann Saunders, Deputy Registrar, who can be reached at 424-6937.

SUPREME COURT

1. Effective July 12, 2006 changes have been made to Civil Procedure Rule 70 and the forms prescribed by the Rule. The changes were published in the Royal Gazette that day and will be posted on the courts website shortly.

2. For the month of August, regular Chambers will continue to be held at 9:30 am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday **ONLY**.

3. Counter staff have been directed to accept filings that are in keeping with the directives set out in the Civil Procedure Rules. While it is recognized that there are instances, where specific circumstances require counsel to “diverge” from the directives, counsel must be aware that counter staff would not be aware or appreciate the “reasons” for the divergence. Thus, I request in cases where “divergence” is necessary that counsel include a cover letter with their documents setting this out clearly - otherwise, in the absence of such a letter, documents will be returned to counsel not processed.

A.M.B.