

HINTS AND TIPS FROM THE PROTHONOTARY - REGISTRAR

ANNETTE M. BOUCHER, Q.C.

April 26, 2010

COURT DOCKETS

Supreme Court Crownside in Halifax will be held on the following dates: April 29th, May 6th, May 11th, May 20th and May 27th, 2010.

Appearance Days will be held at 12 noon on April 30th, May 7th, May 21st and May 28th, 2010.

Reminder: The judges will be attending the semi-annual meeting on May 13th and May 14th, 2010 and therefore no courts will be sitting on either of those days. No Chambers will be held those days.

Court of Appeal Chambers will be held as follows: April 28th, May 5th, May 12th, May 19th and May 26th by pre-arranged telephone conference. April 29th, May 6th, May 13th, May 20th and May 27th at 10:00 a.m.

COURT OF APPEAL

1. On April 10, 2010 the Court of Appeal approved a Protocol for Appeals Regarding the Inter-jurisdictional Abduction of Children, including international abductions engaging The 1980 *Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction* (the "Hague Convention"). The Protocol is attached hereto and is also posted on the courts website.

SUPREME COURT

1. Although there have been many reminders to counsel regarding the filing of only one Book of Authorities with briefs, this continues to be an issue for the court. **Please note: where a brief filed with the court references case law, only ONE COPY of the Book of Authorities is to be filed.** Duplicate briefs are to be filed but only one copy for the Book of Authorities is to be filed.
2. Counsel are also reminded when they are citing cases in their court filings the neutral citation is to be used. This means that the text of the case re-produced in the Book of Authorities must be the neutral citation text.

A.M.B.