

HINTS AND TIPS FROM THE PROTHONOTARY - REGISTRAR

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Supreme Court Crownside in Halifax will be held on the following dates: June 26th, July 10th and 24th and August 7th and 21st, 2008.

Starting on July 2nd, 2008 and continuing until August 31, 2008, Regular 9:30 am Supreme Court Chambers in Halifax will only be held three (3) days a week - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There will be NO regular Chambers on Mondays and Fridays.

Appearance Days will CONTINUE to be held each Friday at 12 noon during the months of July and August, 2008.

Please note that there will be NO Appearance Day on Friday, September 19, 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, 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. During July and August, 2008, Court of Appeal Chambers will continue to be held as follows: telephone Chambers on Wednesday at a pre-booked time and regular Chambers at 10 am on Thursday. **Please note the following changes for the month of September: week of September 15th - telephone Chambers will be held on September 16th (Tuesday) and regular Chambers will be held on September 17th (Wednesday) AND for the week of September 22nd there will be NO Telephone Chambers and regular Chambers will be held on September 23rd (Tuesday).**
2. During the past term we have noticed that counsel have not been filing Appeal

Books and Facts on time. Filing extensions are not being sought from the Registrar as required. When appeals are set down the judges of the court accommodate counsel by setting filing dates which are agreed to by counsel. It is thus expected that the filings will be on time. If there is a problem in meeting the set filing date, counsel are to contact the Registrar, in advance of the due date, to seek an extension of time for the filing.

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 Hints and Tips).

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