



## **COVID-19: NOVA SCOTIA SUPREME COURT LIFTS SUSPENSION OF FILING DEADLINES**

Thursday, June 4, 2020 (Halifax, NS) – The Nova Scotia Supreme Court is lifting the suspension of filing deadlines under the Nova Scotia Civil Procedure Rules, effective 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2020.

Previous directives of the Supreme Court had suspended filing deadlines for summary conviction appeals and civil and family matters in the General Division only, retroactive to March 19, 2020. These temporary measures were put in place while the Supreme Court was operating under an essential services model.

This notice lifts the suspensions outlined in those previous directives, effective 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2020. At that time, all deadlines related to Supreme Court matters under the Civil Procedure Rules will once again be in effect.

Counsel and parties are advised that when calculating the time for the filing of a document or doing anything required under the Civil Procedure Rules, the period from March 19, 2020 up to and including June 5, 2020, shall not be included in the calculation.

Counsel and parties are also reminded that effective June 15, 2020, the Supreme Court (General Division) will return to its normal processes for filing court documents. That means courthouses will no longer accept electronic filings for Supreme Court (General Division) matters; counsel and parties will be expected to file paper copies of documents at courthouses. Filings will be done at drop boxes at courthouse doors, rather than at the front counters.

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