



COVID-19: Measures Applicable to Small Claims, Bankruptcy and Probate Court

Monday, March 16, 2020

Measures Applicable to the Small Claims Court

All matters in the Small Claims Court across the province will be adjourned to June. Court staff will be in touch about rescheduling. The Court will continue to deal with residential tenancy vacant possession orders by telephone only.

Measures Applicable to the Bankruptcy Court

Bankruptcy Court will continue to sit Fridays in Halifax, and elsewhere in the province, as needed. Social distancing measures will be practised for all these appearances.

Trustees should contact the Deputy Registrar if, to their knowledge, a debtor is symptomatic or has immunocompromising health issues. In those instances, the Court will consider handling the matter via alternative measures, such as teleconference. Long dockets may also be staggered so that a smaller number of people are in the courtroom at any given time.

As with other Courts, trustees or debtors who have travelled internationally within the last two weeks, or are experiencing symptoms of the coronavirus, should contact the Office of the Registrar to seek further instructions.

The Nova Scotia Courts are continuing to monitor updates and advisories from public health officials and will make decisions regarding court proceedings and services with this information in mind. Further notices will be posted through the Courts' website (www.courts.ns.ca) and social media.

Measures Applicable to the Probate Court

All upcoming, scheduled hearings in the Probate Court will be conducted by telephone, unless cross-examination of a witness is required.

Whenever possible, counsel and the parties are asked to use a secure landline for these appearances, however, the Court recognizes that may not always be possible. If you must use a cell phone, please do so in a stable location with good cellular reception.

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Contact Information for all Small Claims Court locations in Nova Scotia is available on at https://www.courts.ns.ca/Courthouse_Locations/Courthouse_Locations_Map.htm/.

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