

INFORMATION SHEET
SUPREME COURT CRIMINAL MATTERS

Designation of Counsel (Section 650.01 Criminal Code)

The Nova Scotia Supreme Court and the Provincial Court of Nova Scotia have approved the use of a common Designation of Counsel form as provided for by section 650.01 of the Criminal Code.

In cases where a matter is committed by the Provincial Court to the Supreme Court, the common designation form filed in the Provincial Court will be transmitted to the Supreme Court. If the information contained in the form remains accurate, then the Supreme Court will not require the filing of a second Designation of Counsel form.

Please note that the use of this form is not mandatory. Counsel may continue to use any version of a form that complies with the requirements of section 650.01. Judges retain discretion to assess whether a different form complies with the statute.