



# SUPREME COURT *of* NOVA SCOTIA (FAMILY DIVISION)

## **Invitation to the Bar to Provide Input on Process Evolution**

**April 22, 2026**

More than six years have passed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, beginning in the early part of 2020, the pandemic changed how the Family Division operated in many significant ways. That same year, the roll out of the Unified Family Court was completed across the province.

Given all that has changed in the last several years, it is timely for us to review our processes to see how the Court can better serve the public, and more effectively assist the Bar in doing so. As many of you have heard me say, if we are not continually looking forward, we are essentially moving backward.

I have therefore planned a series of site visits to various Courthouses across the province to meet with members of the Bar to hear your ideas about potential process reforms. Experience has shown that the Bar has valuable input in assisting the Court better serve the public.

The proposed dates and times for visits are as follows:

### **Wednesday, May 20th, 2026 – Port Hawkesbury & Sydney**

- Port Hawkesbury: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Sydney: 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

### **Tuesday, May 26th, 2026 – Truro & Amherst**

- Truro: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Amherst: 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026 – Kentville & Bridgewater**

- Kentville: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Bridgewater: 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 – Pictou & Antigonish**

- Pictou: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Antigonish: 12:45 p.m. until 1:45 p.m.

**Friday, June 19th, 2026 – Halifax**

- Halifax: 12:45 p.m. until 1:45 p.m.

**Monday, June 29th, 2026 – Yarmouth & Digby**

- Yarmouth: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Digby: 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you are interested in attending one of these meetings, I would ask you to kindly contact my Executive Assistant, Trish Thompson, by telephone (902) 424-7560 or e-mail at [trish.thompson@courts.ns.ca](mailto:trish.thompson@courts.ns.ca). A light breakfast, lunch, or snacks/refreshments will be provided for each meeting.

I hope to meet with as many of you as possible and look forward to the opportunity of discussing the Family Division's path forward.

Associate Chief Justice R. Lester Jesudason  
Supreme Court of Nova Scotia (Family Division)