

# Notice to the Profession – Central East Region – Newmarket Family Court Matters

## NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND FAMILY LAW LITIGANTS – CENTRAL EAST REGION

### RE: SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE, FAMILY COURT – NEWMARKET FAMILY COURT MATTERS

The suspension of regular court operations during the COVID-19 health pandemic has resulted in a backlog. Conferences and motions have been scheduled into the Summer of 2022.

Judicial time has become available, affording an opportunity for parties to bring forward certain matters already scheduled.

Counsel and self-represented parties who have dates scheduled on or after June 6, 2022 for conferences or regular motions, or those who have trials, long motions, and/or summary judgment motions scheduled for the May 2022 Family Trial Sittings may make a request to have the event heard at an earlier date, subject to the following requirements and considerations.

### Requests on Consent

[1] If all parties consent to have an event brought forward to an earlier date, an email request must be sent to [Newmarket.SCJ.TC@ontario.ca](mailto:Newmarket.SCJ.TC@ontario.ca), copying all opposing counsel and/or self-represented litigants. The email must contain the following information:

**Subject Line:**

CONSENT REQUEST for Earlier Date: <File Number>, <Title of Proceedings>

**Body of Email:**

- File Number
- Names of Parties
- Original Event Date
- Event Type
- Total Time Estimate
- Five (5) or more consent dates parties are available commencing mid-February

### Contested Requests

[2] In situations where all parties do not consent, the party seeking to have the matter brought forward shall send [Newmarket.SCJ.TC@ontario.ca](mailto:Newmarket.SCJ.TC@ontario.ca), copying all

opposing counsel and/or self-represented litigants. The email must contain the following information:

**Subject Line:**

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The requesting party must also include a memorandum not to exceed one page outlining the reason(s) why the event should be brought forward. Any party who opposes the matter being brought forward shall provide their position in a responding memorandum not to exceed one page, sent to [Newmarket.SCJ.TC@ontario.ca](mailto:Newmarket.SCJ.TC@ontario.ca) no later than five days after receipt of the requesting party's email.

[3] If no responding memorandum is received before the expiry of the five days, the triage judge will deal with the request as an unopposed request. The matter will be scheduled with consideration given to the parties' availability.

[4] If a responding memorandum is received before the expiry of the five days, the triage judge will decide if the matter should be brought forward on the basis of the parties' memoranda or whether there is a need for attendance at an Assignment Court.

[5] The triage judge will advise the parties of the decision on the request by email.

## Documents

Parties are still bound by the timelines set out in the *Family Law Rules* for the delivery of documents. It is important that counsel and parties ensure that they have complied with the necessary deadlines. Counsel and parties must ensure that properly-filed documents are uploaded into CaseLines in a timely manner for events being heard via the CaseLines platform.

Regional Senior Justice  
Mark L.J. Edwards  
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