

SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE – ONTARIO

**RE: ALL MATTERS IN CIVIL OR FAMILY PROCEEDINGS RETURNABLE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE IN CHATHAM, ONTARIO,
WITH RETURN DATES FROM MARCH 17, 2020, THROUGH AND
INCLUDING JULY 10, 2020**

BEFORE: Howard J.

DATE: May 14, 2020

HEARD: Considered in chambers

ENDORSEMENT

- [1] On March 15, 2020, the Office of the Chief Justice issued a Notice to the Profession, advising that in order to protect the health and safety of all court users and to help contain the spread of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Superior Court of Justice (“SCJ”) was suspending in-person hearings, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, and until further notice.
- [2] On May 5, 2020, the Chief Justice issued a further Notice to the Profession, advising that because of the on-going public health situation due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty as to when it will be safe to return to courthouses, the SCJ will not resume in-person hearings “until July 6, 2020, at the earliest” for all non-jury matters (the “May 5th Notice”).
- [3] On May 14, 2020, I issued a memorandum to members of the practising Civil and Family Bar of Chatham-Kent to provide members of the Bar with further information and dates concerning the implementation of the process described in the May 5th Notice in Chatham-Kent.
- [4] This endorsement is issued to give effect to the information set out in my memorandum dated May 14, 2020, and to implement the process described in the May 5th Notice.
- [5] Unless specifically ordered otherwise, this endorsement shall apply to all matters in Civil or Family proceedings currently scheduled in the Superior Court of Justice in Chatham, Ontario (except matters in the Small Claims Court), during the period commencing on March 17, 2020, and ending on July 10, 2020.
- [6] All matters in Family proceedings (including all conferences, uncontested hearings, motions, trials, and assignment court matters) currently scheduled to be heard during the period commencing on Monday, June 8, 2020, and ending on July 10, 2020, are adjourned to Monday, July 13, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. to be spoken to in order to set a new date.

- [7] All matters in Civil proceedings (including short and long motions, pre-trials, trials, and assignment court matters) scheduled to be heard during the period commencing on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, and ending on July 13, 2020, are adjourned to Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. to be spoken to in order to set a new date.
- [8] The signing of a formal order is hereby dispensed with.



J. Paul R. Howard
Local Administrative Justice – Chatham

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