



Superior Court of Justice  
Southwest Region  
Windsor

April 21, 2021

**URGENT MEMORANDUM TO THE BAR**

By now you will have all received the Notice to the Profession from Chief Justice Morawetz, dated April 20, 2021.

In compliance with the direction of the Chief Justice, effective immediately:

Family motions court scheduled to take place on Friday, April 23, 2021 will proceed as scheduled.

All other family motions, special appointments, case conferences, settlement conferences and trial management conferences, and trials scheduled to be heard between April 23, 2021 and May 7, 2021, inclusive, are hereby adjourned to a special assignment court on May 26, 2021.

All civil motions, special appointments, pre-trials, trials, or other proceedings scheduled to be heard between April 23, 2021 and May 7, 2021, inclusive, are hereby adjourned to a special assignment court on May 27, 2021.

All criminal matters scheduled to be heard between April 23, 2021 and May 7, 2021, inclusive, are hereby adjourned to Assignment Court, May 14, 2021.

During this period, the court will only hear matters that satisfy the criteria in the Notice to the Profession, namely:

- the most serious child protection matters;
- urgent family matters;
- critical criminal matters; and
- urgent commercial or economic matters where there are employment or economic impacts.

Should you have a matter that falls within one of these categories, you may request a hearing on an urgent basis by sending a letter, no more than two pages in length, to trial coordination at [Windsor.SCJ@ontario.ca](mailto:Windsor.SCJ@ontario.ca). Your request will be considered by a triage judge.

I thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we all work together to ensure public safety in the administration of justice.

Be well and safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Pomerance". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Justice R. Pomerance  
Local Administrative Justice