



**NOTICE TO THE PARTIES AND THE PROFESSION**

TO: Parties and the Profession

FROM: The Honourable Marc Noël,  
Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Appeal

DATE: April 2, 2020

SUBJECT: Extension of suspension period and additional measures taken

The suspension period set out in the Notice to the Parties and the Profession dated March 19, 2020 is extended until Friday, May 15, 2020. All matters scheduled to be heard during the extended suspension period are adjourned.

The measures outlined in the Notices to the Parties and the Profession dated March 16 and 19, 2020 remain in effect.

Cognizant of the need to allow matters to proceed where possible, parties whose appeal or judicial review application was ready to be heard on March 13, 2020, whether or not the matter had been scheduled, may on consent ask to have the matter heard remotely. The Court will accommodate such requests where the circumstances permit. Parties may also opt to have the matter disposed of on the basis of the record and their respective memorandum of fact and law. Parties are invited to contact the Judicial Administrator by letter signed by each party, by email, to [Information@fca-caf.gc.ca](mailto:Information@fca-caf.gc.ca), should they wish to so proceed.

As before, urgent matters can be heard remotely.

Members of the public, including the media, may consult the Hearing Schedule on the Court's website ([https://www.fca-caf.gc.ca/fca-caf\\_eng/hearings-auditions\\_eng.html](https://www.fca-caf.gc.ca/fca-caf_eng/hearings-auditions_eng.html)) to find out which matters are to be heard. Where the matter proceeds remotely, arrangements can be made to allow for attendance of members of the public and the media provided that an advance notice of two business days is given. Such notice must be provided by email to [Information@fca-caf.gc.ca](mailto:Information@fca-caf.gc.ca).

In the event that a party files electronic or paper documents with the Registry during the suspension period, all fees payable on filing or issuance under item 1 of Tariff A of the *Federal Courts Rules* are waived.

Although filing via email (at [Information@fca-caf.gc.ca](mailto:Information@fca-caf.gc.ca)) is strongly encouraged, those unable to file electronically may file paper copies by placing their documents at locations designated for document drop-off at all registry counters. Registry staff will no longer be available to accept in-person filing of paper documents.

Parties and members of the legal community are encouraged to regularly consult the website and Twitter account of the Federal Court of Appeal ([www.fca-caf.gc.ca](http://www.fca-caf.gc.ca); @FedCourtApp\_en) as this Notice is subject to ongoing modification as required.

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