**B. ARRAIGNMENTS**

1. General
   1. Generally, arraignments in the Supreme Court are held on a monthly basis in both Charlottetown and Summerside (Slemon Park), on days designated by the court.
   2. In advance of the scheduled arraignment date, the court communicates and advises the Crown and defence counsel, or an accused individual if they are self-represented, of the matters scheduled for arraignments.
2. Virtual Appearances
   1. In appropriate circumstances, lawyers may participate virtually. Lawyers are to advise the court in advance of requests to participate virtually.
   2. Lawyers joining virtually are to connect via the link provided by the court. Lawyers are to have capability for video participation (not only audio participation). If lawyers request to join by audio only, leave of the court is required.
   3. Lawyers are to wear court attire (waistcoat, tabs and robes) for arraignments, whether participating in person or virtually, unless leave of the court is obtained.
   4. Requests for an accused, who is in custody, to participate virtually, are to be made on a timely basis in order that appropriate arrangements may be made by the court and correctional centre.
3. Guilty Pleas
   1. Lawyers and self-represented parties are reminded that offers of guilty pleas are generally not taken at arraignments, unless leave of the court is obtained in advance.
   2. If the intention is for an accused person to plead guilty, the court is to be advised on a timely basis in advance and the court will make efforts to secure a non-arraignment date and time for the offer of the guilty plea.