



**Notice to the Profession, the Public and the Media  
regarding Court Operations during CPHO COVID-19 “Circuit Breaker”**

**Prince Edward Island Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and Provincial Court**

**December 7, 2020**

The Prince Edward Island Courts follow the directions of the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) necessitated by this pandemic, and strive to maintain court operations. To protect the health and safety of the public and court staff, the following adjustments will be made to court operations. These changes are effective today and will continue in place (subject to further notice) until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

In order to avoid public interaction, in-person attendances will be minimized. As much as possible, cases and matters will be heard virtually, unless otherwise determined by the presiding judge.

Previous hearing directives – regarding virtual hearings, court filings, mask wearing – all published on the P.E.I. courts’ website, remain in effect.

**In the Provincial Court**, access to a proceeding continues to be restricted to only those persons whose presence is necessary. This includes counsel, accused, witnesses, support workers, probation officers, court officers and members of the media, or such other persons as authorized in advance by the judge. Please refer to the following link on the Provincial Court Website for further information:  
[http://www.courts.pe.ca/files/2020-06/COVID 19 UPDATE JUNE 1 2020.pdf](http://www.courts.pe.ca/files/2020-06/COVID%2019%20UPDATE%20JUNE%201%202020.pdf).

For information on the status of a case or matter or whether a case is proceeding, contact:

**Court of Appeal:** Sheila Gallant, Deputy Registrar, at [sfgallant@gov.pe.ca](mailto:sfgallant@gov.pe.ca) or 902.368.6024.

**Supreme Court:** Trial Coordinator Shelley Young Brennan at [sdyoung@gov.pe.ca](mailto:sdyoung@gov.pe.ca) or 902.368.6023.

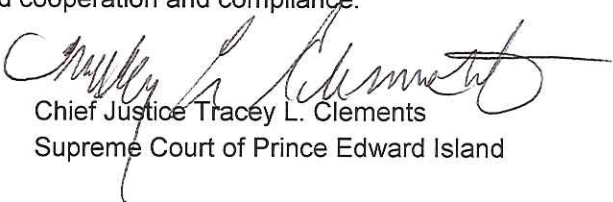
**Provincial Court:**

Charlottetown – 902.368.6693; Georgetown – 902.652.8990; Summerside – 902.888-8190.

The P.E.I. courts have consistently followed the CPHO directions over the past nine months. We are confident this latest adjustment in the manner of proceeding will be carried out with the same commitment. We thank all court participants for your continued cooperation and compliance.

  
Chief Justice David H. Jenkins  
Prince Edward Island Court of Appeal

  
Chief Judge Jeffrey E. Lantz  
Provincial Court of Prince Edward Island

  
Chief Justice Tracey L. Clements  
Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island