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**Nunavut Apighuiyin Maligaliungnikkun**

**Nunavut Court of Justice**

**Cour de justice du Nunavut**

**NOTICE TO THE BAR OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF NUNAVUT**

**AMENDMENTS TO NUNAVUT COURT OF JUSTICE PRACTICE DIRECTIVES**

**CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO JOIN NUNAVUT COURT OF JUSTICE CIVIL RULES COMMITTEE**

**FACILITATING REMOTE APPEARANCES IN CRIMINAL CHAMBERS**

August 11, 2020

**Practice Directive Amendments**

Please be advised that Chief Justice Sharkey, with the approval of the judges of the Nunavut Court of Justice (NCJ) in accordance with Section 59 (1) of the *Judicature Act*, S.N.W.T. 1998, c. 34, s. 1, has made the following changes to Practice Directives 39 and 41:

- Paragraph 12 of PD#39 now reads:

*Upon a Notice of Application being filed in the Court Registry with proof of service upon a Respondent, the Clerk of the Court shall forward a copy of the Notice of Application to a duty judge with a request for directions on the date and place of hearing. The duty judge shall thereafter convene a pre-hearing meeting with counsel to determine the proper venue and timing for the hearing. The hearing date shall be fixed after consultation with counsel.*

- Practice Directive #41 is rescinded.

## **Call for Expressions of Interest**

Justice Cooper, in her capacity as Chair of the Nunavut Court of Justice's Civil Rules Committee (the "Committee"), is inviting counsel interested in joining the Committee to express such interest in writing. Expressions of interest may be sent via email to Justice Cooper's attention at [ncj.chambers@gov.nu.ca](mailto:ncj.chambers@gov.nu.ca). There is one (1) vacancy on the Committee.

Please feel free to contact Mark Mossey at [mmossey@gov.nu.ca](mailto:mmossey@gov.nu.ca) with any questions or concerns in relation to the above.

## **Remote Appearances in Criminal Chambers**

As the Chief Public Health Officer's restrictions on travel into the Territory remain in place, remote appearances via telephone will continue to be accommodated for counsel who are unable to attend Criminal Special Chambers in person.

In accordance with Practice Directive #4, *Attendance by Telephone in Criminal and Civil Matters*, counsel may seek special leave of the Court to attend in Special Chambers remotely by sending a leave request to [ncj.chambers@gov.nu.ca](mailto:ncj.chambers@gov.nu.ca). Email confirmation of the special leave will be provided by the NCJ within one (1) business day of the receipt of the request.

Counsel are reminded of the obligation to file Form 4Bs with the Criminal Registry when it is anticipated counsel will be attending Criminal Chambers via telephone.

Counsel are encouraged, when possible, to attend Chambers in person.

Dated August 11, 2020 at Iqaluit, Nunavut  
By Direction of Neil Sharkey  
Chief Justice of the Nunavut Court of Justice