Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada



Cour d'appel de la cour martiale du Canada

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

TO: Parties and Members of the Legal Profession

FROM: The Honourable B. Richard Bell, Chief Justice

DATE: June 30, 2020

RE: Gradual resumption of Court's operations - COVID - 19

Since the last Notice to the Profession regarding the update on the Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada operations in light of COVID - 19 on April 7, 2020, the public health situation has now improved in many regions. As a result, as of Monday, June 29, 2020, the onsite presence of Registry personnel will gradually increase to the extent allowed by public health authorities.

Despite this gradual resumption of the Court's operations, onsite-staffing levels will continue to be reduced for some time. Thus, the Court is encouraging parties to file court documents electronically. The Court is extending until September 1, 2020, the period of time during which parties are encouraged to file court documents in PDF format by sending those documents to cmac-information-cacm@cas-satj.gc.ca. Court documents can also be filed by fax at (613) 952-7226.

As of June 29, 2020, those unable to file electronically or by fax may file paper copies at all registry counters. However, given that the number of onsite staff will remain limited, the Court urges the parties to limit in-person attendance at the registry to the extent possible. Registry staff will remain available to assist parties and the public via email or telephone. For contact information for registry counters across the country, please visit: https://www.cas-satj.gc.ca/fr/operations/locations.shtml.

The Court continues to be available to deal with urgent matters in writing or by teleconference.

The Court appreciates the patience and understanding of parties and their counsel at this challenging time.

"B. Richard Bell"
Chief Justice,
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