

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: March 17, 2020

RE: Court operations in light of COVID-19

In light of the evolving situation with regard to the spread of COVID-19, public health officials have advised members of the public to restrict their movements as much as possible, including travel to and from work. Court employees, like all employees of the federal government, have been asked to telework where possible and Court managers have been asked to focus their efforts on ensuring continued critical operations.

Until further notice, Registry operations will continue with significantly reduced staff, both in Ottawa and in regional offices. Staff will be available to receive court filings at any of the Court's [registry offices](#) but parties and the public should expect a significantly decreased level of service.

The Court remains available to deal with urgent matters in writing or by teleconference. Motions for release pending appeal to the Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada or the Supreme Court of Canada will be heard by teleconference by the Chief Justice or his designate.

Exceptionally and until April 20, 2020, the Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada will accept electronic filing of court documents by email at cmac-information-cacm@cas-satj.gc.ca provided that those documents are in PDF format. Please note that the Court is unable to accept electronic documents greater than 25 MB. Court documents will also be accepted by fax at (613) 952-7226. Parties who file their documents by email or fax will be exempted from the filing of paper copies.

All filing deadlines continue to apply. Parties will be able to request an extension of time for deadlines if they are unable to meet the filing deadlines in light of current circumstances but are asked to do so once Court operations return to normal.

The Court will continue to monitor the situation with a view to restoring all Court operations to their full capacity as soon as the circumstances allow.

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

“B. Richard Bell”

Chief Justice,
Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada