

# NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC

311 JARVIS COURT HOUSE, TORONTO

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This is a Notice to the Profession and to the Public regarding the 311 Jarvis Court's transition plan to in-person hearings. This is a Local Notice only. It is only intended to address issues at the Ontario Court of Justice at 311 Jarvis Street in Toronto. It does not replace or change any Practice Directions issued by the Office of the Chief Justice (O.C.J.).

Commencing on **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**, our court will move to in-person hearings **for all family and criminal matters booked after that date**, subject to the following:

1. First appearances and initial case conferences in family cases will stay virtual for now.
2. Any matters scheduled before March 1, 2022 that were endorsed by the family case management judge to be by Zoom may still continue by Zoom after March 1<sup>st</sup> (to allow lawyers and members of the public some transition time), subject to any agreement otherwise.
3. Settlement conferences, trial management conferences, trials, contested motions will all be in-person, and will likely be scheduled in the afternoon for family matters, (other than trials) so that any virtual matters can still be heard in the morning.
4. Subject to the case management judge, any to be spoken to matters, consents, check-ins, continuing case conferences may continue by Zoom in the morning time slots.
5. Individual judges will continue to have discretion to order that a hearing continues by Zoom, based on the health or other individual circumstances of a lawyer or litigant.

Justice Sheilagh O'Connell  
Local Administrative Judge,  
311 Jarvis Street, Toronto, ON