

## Case Stats:

eCourt commenced hearing cases on September 11, 2020.

Stats Type	#
No. of Users	32
Total # Applications	18
a. Case Management	8
b. Conference	2
c. Settlement Conference	7
d. Ex Parte Motion	1

## Training:

If you missed the eCourt Training and would like further information, please contact the eCourt Administrator at [natasha.matthews@courts.ns.ca](mailto:natasha.matthews@courts.ns.ca)

## Questions:

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### Expanding Jurisdiction

In February 2021 eCourt heard its first case outside of the Halifax jurisdiction.

### User Feedback

Our user feedback has been, in a word, positive. It includes the following comments and observations from lawyers who have used the Pilot:

- The process was efficient and very easy to use.
- I have only used it for a Case Management Conference to this point and it was great for that purpose. It is very useful to have a transcript of the Court's directions available the next day. It will cut down on misunderstandings between counsel as to the details of the Court's directions.
- The process was excellent at keep parties focused on the issues. It was a great opportunity to have frank discussions with my client without the issue of leaving a room and coming back, or leaving a conference call and scheduling a time to return.
- I would highlight the fact that it provided an opportunity for my client, who expressed fear of being in court and being in the same room as the other party, to participate in the settlement conference through me in a comfortable environment. I would emphasize this as an option for people suffering from mental health/anxiety concerns generally, and especially for victims of domestic violence.
- As with any new experience, there is an adjustment compared to the status quo but well worth it.... This was significantly better than a traditional conference as I was able to speak openly with my client while in communication with the Justice. It allowed time for discussion and clarification when answering the Court's questions which isn't the case when appearing in person. Although the outcome of the conference wasn't what my client was hoping for, he still expressed his preference to the eCourt system over his past experiences with traditional settlement conferences.
- This system has a lot of potential and hopefully will be available for every case at some point in the future (ie. uploading documents for filling, doing pretrial conference, etc.).

### Available Dates

Dates for eHearings are available with 2-4 weeks notice

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