

Devonshire Scheduling Guidelines Post April 18th, 2022

The Devonshire Scheduling Guidelines after April 18th, 2022 are outlined below.

After April 18th, 2022:

- (1) Matters now scheduled will remain by telephone if scheduled to occur in that fashion unless a Judge orders otherwise.
- (2) Conferences will be presumptively by telephone.
- (3) CFSA proceedings at the disposition stage will be presumptively by telephone.
- (4) The CFSA 5-day will be presumptively in person. At the 5-day, the presiding Judge will direct whether subsequent appearances will be by telephone or in person.
- (5) Hearings will be presumptively in person. Matters already scheduled for a time after April 18th, 2022 are unaffected by this direction unless a Judge directs otherwise, that is if a matter is now scheduled to be virtual after April 18th, 2022, it will remain so scheduled.
- (6) Settlement Conferences will be in person or virtual (by telephone or video) at the direction of each Judge. The Court will be discussing whether settlement conferences should be presumptively virtual or in person.
- (7) Interpreters – Matters requiring the attendance of an interpreter shall be in person.

DATED: March 25th, 2022

**Associate Chief Justice Lawrence I. O'Neil
Supreme Court of Nova Scotia (Family Division)**