



**NOTICE TO THE PARTIES AND THE PROFESSION**

TO: Parties and the Profession

FROM: The Honourable Marc Noël,  
Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Appeal

DATE: March 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Court operations in light of COVID-19

The Federal Court of Appeal is closely monitoring the advice of public health officials with respect to COVID-19 and is working in conjunction with the Courts Administration Service, the Canadian Bar Association and the Department of Justice to maintain court operations to the extent possible in the circumstances.

At this time, hearings scheduled in Montreal, Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa and Toronto during the weeks of March 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 remain on the hearing list. Where the Court has received requests to adjourn due to health related reasons, it has granted those adjournments. The Court will make use of videoconferencing or teleconferencing where possible, on request. Parties are advised to contact the Judicial Administrator Court should they wish to appear by video or teleconference, or ask for an adjournment of their case.

The Court will continue to evaluate the situation as it evolves and will make the necessary changes to its operations as required.

“Marc Noël”

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Chief Justice,  
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