



**Public and media access to hearings during the COVID-19 pandemic  
(Amended as of September 1, 2020)**

Pursuant to the Court's Notice to the Parties and to the Profession dated September 1, 2020, the Federal Court of Appeal's hearing schedule currently includes three types of hearings: hearings where all counsel appear in person, hearings where all counsel appear remotely and hearings where some counsel appear in person while others appear remotely (hybrid hearings).

While courtrooms can still accommodate some members of the public and media for in-person and hybrid hearings, seating is very limited and remote viewing is strongly encouraged.

Remote access is available for all hearings unless the Court orders otherwise. Members of the public and media wishing to access a remote hearing should write to [Information@fca-caf.gc.ca](mailto:Information@fca-caf.gc.ca) and provide the following information in relation to the hearing that they would like to view remotely: case name, case number and hearing date. Instructions on how to join the remote hearing will be sent by email.

The Court's [Hearing lists](#) are regularly updated to reflect those cases being heard remotely. The Hearing lists indicate the language in which the case will be argued, the start time and the approximate length of the hearing.

It should be noted that the Court's [Guidelines on Public and Media](#) apply to remote hearings. Unless the approval of the Court has been sought and granted, taking photos or screen captures during the course of the hearing is prohibited as is the broadcast or distribution of recordings of the hearing, in whole or in part.

Members of the media can direct their questions to the Court's [media contact person](#).