

COVID-19 – Newsletter, March 30, 2020

Dear colleagues,

I would like to begin by wishing you all a good week. I would like to thank you for your ability to adapt to the exceptional circumstances that we are all presently facing. In future you will only receive our newsletter as events unfold.

Today's updates are as follows:

- 1) ECONOMIC RELIEF MEASURES: You will find an updated summary [here](#). After review, it is our understanding that these measures apply to all forms of law practices;
- 2) VIRTUAL TRIALS: On March 26th in trois-Rivières, it seems that the first entirely virtual trial in a common law court in the province of Quebec took place. The Honourable Justice Clément Samson presided a family law case in which attorneys, witnesses and the judge were able to proceed remotely using their telephones or tablets. Congratulations to all!
- 3) NOTARIES: Notaries are now allowed to use more technological means in their practice. See the Ministerial order [here](#). We are expecting guidelines from The Chambre des notaires later today or tomorrow.
- 4) BAILIFFS: Service of proceedings by technological means has now been made easier, see the Ministerial order [here](#). Contact your bailiff's office for more details.
- 5) SUPERIOR COURT: Consult the Ministerial order [here](#) regarding the possibility of the suspension of supervised access orders;
- 6) ECOLE DU BARREAU: You can consult the information sent to all students [here](#).

For all information regarding practice court, please follow the [developments here](#).

Do not hesitate to join our Facebook group «Avocates et avocats du Québec - Groupe d'entraide - COVID19».

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Best regards,

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