

COVID-19 – Newsletter, April 8, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Good Wednesday morning to everyone,

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for the work you do everyday despite the exceptional financial and personal challenges that you are all facing. Thank you for the professionalism and creativity that you have summoned, specifically regarding the use of technological means to contribute to the continuing functionality of our judicial system which is partially, if not completely, on hold in some instances. You have found ways to move forward with your files, to settle your files and prepare your clients for what is to come. It may take more time, but we are making headway - Congratulations!

- 1) **ECONOMIC RELIEF MEASURES:** Earlier this week the federal government clarified the assistance measures available, more specifically regarding dividend payments, and the accessibility to the CERB for self-employed workers who have experienced a reduction in their revenue but not a complete cessation of their work. We are expecting more details in the weeks to come. Our summary is regularly updated [here](#).
- 2) **VIRTUAL TRIALS:** As of tomorrow, the Court of appeal will have an online judicial registry. This marks another historic first for our court system. More details [HERE](#). We expect more good news in the weeks to come. The Department of Justice is making a significant contribution to these efforts, and I thank them for that.
- 3) **ONLINE TRIANING:** Tomorrow morning at 9am the Barreau will offer free online training pertaining to our ethical obligation in this era of COVID-19. The 1000 spaces available were filled in less than two hours. Given the popularity of this webinar, we are preparing a second edition. More details will be available shortly. We are hoping to offer this training to more members. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all to register to our WEBPRO trainings that are available for free until the end of April. For more details. click [HERE](#).
- 4) **PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING:** I would like to remind you that many services are offered by PAMBA , they are there for you. We will also be offering new services and resources aimed at maintaining our psychological well-being shortly. These are services that we

have been working on for some time and they will include powerful and inspiring video testimonials from members of the Bar.

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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