

Newsletter, May 22, 2020

Dear colleagues,

Hello to you all.

I hope that this finds you well.

Below are the most recent developments:

1) REOPENING OF THE COURTS : The tribunals and the courthouses have been set up to comply with public health guidelines. They are expected to reopen gradually in early June to deal with non-urgent matters. The exact date of reopening is not known at the time of writing this notice.

Hearings in person as well as virtual hearings will take place. Each court will issue their respective guidelines regarding which types of hearings will be heard and when. We will publish all of this information [HERE](#) as we receive it.

We understand that the reopening of the courts will lead to many questions to which we will not immediately have the answers. We expect that adjustments will be made along the way to this new process. Please feel free to contact us at covid19@barreau.qc.ca

2) LIFTING OF THE SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURAL DELAYS: We also know that the lifting of the suspension of procedural delays will take place subsequent to the date of the reopening of the courts, the whole in order to allow a transition toward normality. This information will be provided to us in the coming days, if not weeks. As soon as we have been informed of any developments, we will publish them [HERE](#).

3) DELAY EXTENDED - AGAIN! - FREE ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING: Webpro training will be offered for free until June 30th. To date, more than 85,000 hours of training have been viewed free of charge by nearly 12,000 lawyers. Free training is available [HERE](#).

For all information regarding the functioning of the courts, please follow the developments [here](#).

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

For any questions email: covid19@barreau.qc.ca

Kind regards,

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