

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR CIVIL ASSIGNMENT LISTS ON APRIL 16, 2020 AND MAY 21, 2020

All civil trials adjourned during the period from March 16 to April 17, 2020 to the assignment list of April 16, 2020, as well as all civil trials adjourned during the period from April 20 to May 25, 2020 to the assignment list of May 21, 2020, will be subject to the following approach:

- At least two days in advance of this assignment list each counsel or party should file a one-page document that summarizes the status of the matter, including any position on resolution.
- The assignment list will proceed on April 16, 2020 and May 21, 2020, respectively, beginning at 9:30 a.m. by teleconference. The call-in details are as follows:

Teleconference phone number: 1-800-974-5902
Conference ID number: 5148840

- In advance of the assignment list date, counsel or the parties will be notified by the court, through their contact particulars on the most recent court documents, as to the time that they are to call in to the assignment list. If, 48 hours prior to the assignment list date, counsel or a party has not been notified as to the time that they are to call in, they should contact the trial coordinator (204-945-8697) to determine when they are to call in.
- When the matter appears, the status of the matter will be discussed in the form of a pre-trial conference. This may include the judge's view on resolution. If resolution is not possible, there will be the following **three** available scheduling options (**only one option may be selected**):
 1. Schedule up to a one-day JADR to proceed on a designated date in July or August with a judge selected by the court **and** also

schedule a trial on available dates at the end of the scheduling “queue” (to be used in the event that the matter does not resolve). It is anticipated that this will be about two years away; **or**

2. Schedule up to a two-week trial during July or August on an available period offered by the court; **or**
3. Schedule a trial (of any length) on available dates at the end of the scheduling “queue”. It is anticipated that this will be about two years away.

Where there is no agreement on the selection of scheduling options 1, 2, or 3, or the presiding judge is of the view that it is otherwise appropriate, it is open to the presiding judge to determine how and when the matter will proceed.

For any other scheduled civil trial (including from May 25, 2020 onward), it remains open to counsel or the parties to make an adjournment request to the Chief Justice in the ordinary course. In each case, the necessary background for the adjournment request should be provided, including any COVID-19 related circumstances, and whether the adjournment request is made by consent. If the adjournment request is granted, it is to be understood that new trial dates will only be offered at the end of the scheduling “queue”, which will be about two years away.