



NOTICE TO THE PARTIES AND THE PROFESSION

TO: Parties and the Profession

FROM: The Honourable Marc Noël
Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Appeal

DATE: May 12, 2020

SUBJECT: Further extension of the COVID-19 Suspension Period and Remote Commissioning of Affidavits

[1] By [Notice to the Parties and the Profession dated March 19, 2020](#), the Federal Court of Appeal suspended the running of time under the Rules, orders and directions of the Court. By further [Notice to the Parties and the Profession dated April 2, 2020](#), the Court extended the period of suspension to May 15, 2020. A further extension of this period of suspension is warranted by the circumstances. The Suspension period is hereby extended until Friday May 29, 2020.

[2] All previous Notices to the Parties and the Profession remain in effect.

[3] Numerous provinces, Law Societies and Superior Courts have adopted and published guidelines and mechanisms temporarily allowing for the remote commissioning, swearing or affirming of affidavits to be used in legal proceedings. Affidavits sworn or affirmed remotely during the suspension period using methods deemed acceptable in any Superior Court of any province will be accepted for filing during the Suspension period.

“Marc Noël”

Chief Justice,
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