

Wellington Law Association – SCJ Civil/Family/Estates Bench and Bar Committee

Minutes

January 23, 2018, 4:30 pm, Wellington County Courthouse

Present: Mark Muir Rodenburg (chair), Justice G. Lemon, Cherolyn Knapp, Teresa Pearson, Don Kidd, Jennifer Galloway

Regrets: Justice Mossip, Stephanie Evans-Bitten, Trenton Johnson

1. Agenda approved.
2. Minutes of November 21, 2017 meeting approved.
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - None.
4. **Court Operations and Staffing:**
 - Jennifer Galloway is replacing Jacquie Rodden Yetman, likely for three months or so. Jennifer reported that there are now two special constables appointed to 74 Woolwich Street at all times and that a new video system will be installed inside and outside the building in the next week or so. The only areas not covered by video are the bathrooms, judicial chambers and the courtrooms. There is a video monitoring room which will allow a special constable to monitor all of the cameras at once.
5. **SCJ Court Scheduling**

The current sittings are very busy and Justice Kurz was brought in for a ten day family trial.

Teresa reiterated that confirmation forms and the Trial Scheduling Endorsement Forms are still not being completed properly (this was referred to in detail in the November 21, 2017 minutes).

The minutes of November 21, 2017 will be circulated to all members of the Bar so hopefully this situation will improve.

It was confirmed that a program to assist clerks with regards to filing requirements at the court will be held sometime in March or April, 2018.
6. **Update from the Bench**

On April 6, 2018 Justices Lemon, Mossip and Clayton will convene a meeting with the members of the Bar (to be arranged by the Wellington Law Association) – part CPD, part collegial get together.

7. **Civil E-filing Pilot project**

This went live in Guelph on November 27, 2017. To date approximately 25% of new civil claims are being commenced on-line.

8. **Small Claims Court**

Don had nothing to report.

9. **Update from WLA**

Cherolyn reported that the WLA is updating the library to make it more of a lounge to collaborate, get work done, etc. This should be completed around the end of February, 2018. The WLA is still investigating the possibility of installing a swipe access system to replace the current keypad system.

10. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2018** at 4:45 p.m. Wellington County Courthouse.

11. Meeting adjourned.