

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

### Minutes

May 21, 2019, 4:45 pm, Wellington Law Association Law Library

**Present:** Mark Muir Rodenburg (chair), Jacquie Rodden Yetman, Justice N. Mossip, David Camelitti, Cherolyn Knapp, Teresa Pearson, Don Kidd, Angela Vincenzo

**Regrets:** Justice G. Lemon, Trenton Johnson

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1. Agenda approved.
2. Minutes of February 5, 2019 meeting approved.
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
  - Trent provided a copy of his draft “Notice to the Bar” with regards to the scheduling of long motions/applications.
  - Mark provided a copy of his draft “Notice to Estates Bar” with regards to filing of applications to obtain Certificates of Appointment of Estate Trustee and other estate matters.
  - Both of these will be posted on the WLA website and an email with the Notices attached sent to all members.
4. **Court Operations and Staffing:**
  - Angela Vincenzo, Supervisor at 74 Woolwich reported that there continues to be ongoing hiring and training of new staff for all three court locations (2 in Guelph and 1 in Kitchener) with four new hires for the area.
5. **SCJ Court Scheduling**

Teresa advised that the current sittings are going well.

The court calendar for 2020 is currently being worked on and should be available by August, 2019.

There are no available long motions dates in Guelph for 2019 however, as per the “Notice to the Bar” referenced above, the parties may ask the trial co-ordinator to schedule the long motion/application to be heard during an earlier five week sittings.

Guelph will likely be provided with additional judicial resources so that hopefully the time to obtain a case conference in family matters will be shortened.

Teresa generously offered and will work with the WLA to conduct a lunch and learn session for lawyers and their staff. This will likely occur sometime in August, 2019.

6. **Update from the Bench**

Justice Mossip again reiterated that the Trial Scheduling Endorsement Form is an Order of the Court and should be treated as such. The Trial Schedule Endorsement Form must be inserted into the Trial Record, along with other Orders, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Family Law Rules.

7. **Small Claims Court**

Don had nothing to report.

8. **Update from WLA**

The Wellington Law Association Annual General Meeting was recently held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Cutten Fields.

A new look for the WLA website is being worked on and it should be up and running by the fall, 2019

9. **Other Business**

There was none

10. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 17, 2019** at 4:45 p.m. Wellington Law Association Law Library

11. **Meeting adjourned.**