

NOTICE TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC

ONTARIO COURT OF JUSTICE (FAMILY)

74 WOOLWICH STREET, GUELPH

CHANGE IN MODE OF APPEARANCE

This Notice is being circulated to advise that commencing **May 25, 2023**, The Ontario Court of Justice (Family), 74 Woolwich Street, will proceed **in person** every **Thursday** going forward. This includes the **Clerk's First Appearance Court** as well as **Judge's Court**.

At this time there will be no automatic accommodation for hybrid hearings whether virtually or by audio attendance.

First Appearance court will commence at 9:00am. Matters will be called in a sequence as they appear on the docket.

Duty counsel will be available at the courthouse on Thursdays. During these in person appearances, there will be two duty counsel lawyers on site to consult with litigants who may need legal advice.

Please note that in person attendance is also required for CAS days, settlement conferences, trial managements conferences, trials, focused hearings, matters involving the Family Responsibility Office and as may be otherwise directed by presiding Justice.

Court staff will endeavour to notify counsel who may practice outside the jurisdiction of this change in the mode of appearance.

Security will continue to be in attendance at the front door which will continue to be the only point of entrance to the courthouse for all counsel and parties.

March, 28 2023

Justice Jane Caspers