

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 **February 21, 2023**, all Family and Children's Services matters held on the **assigned Tuesdays** each month in the Ontario Court of Justice (Family), 74 Woolwich Street, Guelph will **be in person**.

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

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

Below you will find a list of the currently scheduled days for 2023.

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

In the event that a request is made for a matter to be held under the *Child Youth and Family Services Act* other than in person, a 14B motion shall be filed. Special arrangements will have to be made. However, the expectation is that all counsel, social workers, and parties shall be in attendance.

Legal counsel for Family and Children's Services, with the assistance of the social workers, is requested to notify Respondents and their counsel, if they reside in a different jurisdiction, of the need to be present in person. It is requested that this be done as soon as possible so that efforts can be made, if necessary, for Respondents to secure transportation and in the case of counsel, to reschedule any matters that might impede the ability to attend.

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

The court's current process of scheduling 60-minute time slots for each matter will continue.

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.

A Bench and Bar meeting will be held later in the spring to address any concerns.

January 24, 2022.

Justice Jane Caspers

2023 IN PERSON FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES DAYS

- February 21
- February 28
- March 21
- March 28
- April 11
- April 25
- May 9
- May 30
- June 13
- June 27
- July 11
- August 1
- August 15
- August 29
- October 3
- October 10
- October 17
- November 7
- November 21
- December 5
- December 12