

ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

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The Regional Senior Justice has advised me that the Criminal/Civil Jury Trials will not proceed before June 7th, 2021, and perhaps not even at that time.

This is solely because of the Public Health information the Court has received.

Prior to the Assignment Court on April 26th, 2021, I want to impress upon the Bar the importance of having their non jury matters ready to proceed at the May/June sittings.

It is highly likely that the September / October and November / December sittings will be booked with jury trials.

Now is the time to have the non-jury Civil and Criminal matters disposed of. If you are on the Assignment Court list as of now, I expect you to be ready to proceed to Trial. There is ample Judge time, in the 5 weeks of sittings in May / June, to reach the matters on the list.

CRIMINAL JURY

I am holding a special Assignment Court for the 4 criminal jury trials that had trial dates set in the May / June sittings, on Tuesday-March 16th, 2021, to advise counsel of the status of their jury trial. Re-election to non-jury trials will be offered.

OTHER JURY, NON-JURY CRIMINAL, CIVIL, FAMILY MATTERS

A special Assignment Court will be held in advance of the April Assignment Court on **THURSDAY, MARCH 18th, 2021**. The criminal matters will be sent a Zoom invite for 9:30 a.m. and civil / family files will be sent a Zoom invite for 11:00 a.m.

At that time, I expect Counsel to **confirm their trial readiness**, the length of time for their trial, and any scheduling difficulties that they are aware of. I will not be adjourning matters from the current Assignment Court list unless there is a very good reason.

As I said, if you cannot proceed for some valid reason in May /June, I cannot guarantee when you will be heard if jury trials re-start for September, 2021.

The Honourable Mme Justice Mossip

March 12th, 2021