##  JOHN SOPINKA COURTHOUSE, HAMILTON

Justices' Spring Seminar May 8 to 10, 2024 / Justices’ Fall Seminar November 6 to 8, 2024

Central South Regional Meeting June 5 to 7, 2024

LONG CIVIL TRIALS (over 15 days in length)

* March 18, 2024
* October 7, 2024

To be set by Regional Senior Judge upon consideration after receipt of Intake form.

Pre-trials (mandatory) to be arranged through Regional Senior Judge’s Office.

TRIAL SCHEDULING COURT (gowns not required)

Note: Pre-trials are mandatory on all civil actions commenced after January 1, 2010.

#### Civil Assignment Court at 10:00 a.m. (Wednesdays) – by Zoom

* January 17, 2024
* February 21, 2024
* March 20, 2024
* April 17, 2024
* May 15, 2024
* June 19, 2024
* July 17, 2024
* August 21, 2024
* September 18, 2024
* October 16, 2024
* November 20, 2024
* December 18, 2024

#### Criminal Assignment Court at 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. by designation (Fridays) – by Zoom

* January 19, 2024
* February 23, 2024
* March 22, 2024
* April 19, 2024
* May 17, 2024
* June 21, 2024
* July 19, 2024
* August 23, 2024
* September 20, 2024
* October 18, 2024
* November 22, 2024
* December 20, 2024

***\*\*Zoom links are posted on the Hamilton Law Association website*** [Hamilton Law Association - Court Info](https://www.hamiltonlaw.on.ca/court-info/)

**CIVIL**

The Registrar shall place an action that has been set down for trial on the next available Trial Scheduling Court following the 60-day period mandated by Rule 48.06. At Trial Scheduling Court counsel may agree to have the case set for a mandatory pre-trial as per Rule 50.02 and place their matter on one of the four civil sittings held per year.

The party filing the Trial Record or Notice of Readiness for Pre-trial Conference will receive a Form 1 Notice and has the obligations set forth therein. Civil matters may be adjourned from the Trial Scheduling court list to a pre-trial date and placed on one of the four annual sittings using a Form 2 if all counsel/parties consent to the matter being set for a pre-trial and particular trial list. If the Form 2 consent, properly completed, is filed at least three days prior to the Trial Scheduling Court, counsel and litigants need not appear. Otherwise, counsel/parties must appear at the Trial Scheduling Court to speak to the matter, and the presiding justice will direct the future steps of the action. If parties consent, up to three requests for adjournment may be filed with the trial coordinator’s office. Any subsequent adjournments must be made before the presiding judge, whether on consent or not.

Pre-trial dates are to be obtained through the trial coordinator’s office by e-mail: Hamilton.Superior.Court@ontario.ca. Please specify how much time is required – typically 60 minutes.

**CIVIL JURY & NON\_JURY SITTINGS – 4 sittings per year**

“Trial Readiness” courts are scheduled prior to each sittings and counsel **must** be in attendance to speak to the matter unless a “Consent for Trial Readiness Court” form is completed and received by the trial coordinator’s office three days prior to the speak to date. All juries are selected on the first day of the sittings.

* February 5, 2024 (4 weeks) “Trial Readiness” court Monday, January 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.\*\*
* May 13, 2024 (3 weeks) “Trial Readiness” court Monday, May 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.\*\*
* September 3, 2024 (4 weeks) “Trial Readiness” court Monday, August 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.\*\*
* November 12, 2024 (3 weeks) “Trial Readiness” court Monday, November 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.\*\*

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Cases are expected to proceed to trial at the sittings chosen by counsel or directed by the Trial Scheduling Court justice. Counsel must attend the “Trial Readiness” court held before the commencement of each sitting as indicated above to advise the court of any problems that litigants, witnesses or counsel have in proceeding with the trial throughout the period of the sittings. If counsel indicates that a matter is going to proceed, then it is expected it will do so. Applications for adjournment, whether on consent or otherwise, brought after the “Trial Readiness” court will be granted only in urgent and unforeseeable circumstances.

***Please advise the trial coordinator’s office as soon as possible if a matter settles.***

**CIVIL MOTIONS**

Civil motions proceed on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in a **hybrid** fashion, **except** the following weeks:

* May 6, 2024
* November 4, 2024
* June 3, 2024
* December 23, 2024

Please see the Notice to the Profession for more detailed information:

[Notice to the Profession, Parties and Public – Central South Region | Superior Court of Justice (ontariocourts.ca)](https://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/notices-and-orders-covid-19/cs-notice-proceedings/cs-notice-proceedings-2023/)

**ASSOCIATE JUDGES**

Associate Judges preside Mondays over civil pre-trials, **Wednesdays over bankruptcy**, and Tuesdays over motions the following weeks:

* January 15, 2024
* February 20, 2024
* March 18, 2024
* April 15, 2024
* May 21, 2024
* June 17, 2024
* July 15, 2024
* August 19, 2024
* September 16, 2024
* October 21, 2024
* November 18, 2024
* December 16, 2024

For any scheduling before an Associate Judge, please contact the trial coordinator: Hamilton.Superior.Court@ontario.ca.

**DIVISIONAL COURT SITTINGS (1 week each)**

* January 29, 2024
* October 28, 2024
* June 3, 2024

**AUDITS/PASSING OF ACCOUNTS**

* **To be scheduled on regular motions days (Tuesdays and Thursdays)**

**BAIL ESTREATS *(Fridays)***

* January 26, 2024
* April 5, 2024
* May 24, 2024
* July 26, 2024
* September 27, 2024
* November 29, 2024

### Criminal Trials & Pre-trials

Counsel to contact Trial Coordinator to arrange no later than 3 days **before** assignment court.

**BAIL REVIEWS & CRIMINAL APPLICATIONS**

Counsel to contact Trial Coordinator to arrange dates.

Trial Coordinator’s office telephone (905) 645-5322 or e-mail Hamilton.superior.court@ontario.ca.

More helpful information may be found on the Superior Court website at:

[www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/schedules/cs/](http://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/schedules/cs/)