

JOHN SOPINKA COURTHOUSE, HAMILTON

Justices' Spring Seminar May 5-7, 2021/ Justices' Fall Seminar November 3-5, 2021
Central South Regional Meeting June 9-11, 2021

LONG CIVIL TRIALS (Regional List - civil trials over 15 days in length)

- March 22, 2021
- October 4, 2021

To be set by Regional Senior Justice upon consideration after receipt of Intake form.
Pre-trials (mandatory) to be arranged through Regional Senior Justice's Office.

TRIAL SCHEDULING COURT (gowns not required)

Note: Pre-trials are mandatory on all civil actions commenced after January 1, 2010.
Criminal and Civil Assignment Courts will be held in Courtroom 600 unless otherwise directed on the posted docket.

Civil at 10 a.m. (Wednesdays)

- January 13, 2021
- February 17, 2021
- March 17, 2021
- April 14, 2021
- May 19, 2021
- June 16, 2021
- July 14, 2021
- August 18, 2021
- September 15, 2021
- October 13, 2021
- November 17, 2021
- December 15, 2021

Criminal at 9:30 a.m. out of custody & 2 p.m. in custody (Fridays)

- January 15, 2021
- February 19, 2021
- March 19, 2021
- April 16, 2021
- May 21, 2021
- June 18, 2021
- July 16, 2021
- August 20, 2021
- September 17, 2021
- October 15, 2021
- November 19, 2021
- December 17, 2021

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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.

Available pre-trial dates are to be obtained through the trial coordinator's office. Please specify how much time is required – 45 minutes is the norm. Please follow up each telephone request with a faxed letter confirming the date and time chosen.

CIVIL JURY & NON JURY SITTINGS – 4 sittings per year (3 weeks each)

“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 3 days prior to the speak to date. All juries are selected on the first day of the sittings.

- February 8, 2021 “Trial Readiness” court Monday February 1, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- May 10, 2021 “Trial Readiness” court Monday May 3, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- September 13, 2021 “Trial Readiness” court Monday August 30, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- November 15, 2021 “Trial Readiness” court Monday November 8, 2021 at 10 a.m.

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.

MOTIONS

Civil motions of one hour or less are heard every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m.

Confirmations required 3 days prior by 2 p.m.

Motions over 1 hour must be adjourned on consent to a running list any week to be called on short notice from the trial coordinator. Factums are required.

There will be no motions May 6, June 10 and November 4, 2021

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MASTERS

Masters preside Mondays over civil pre-trials, **Wednesdays over bankruptcy**, Tuesdays & Thursdays over motions the following weeks:

January 18-21, 2021

February 16-19, 2021 (15th is a holiday)

March 15-18, 2021

April 19-22, 2021

May 17-20, 2021

June 14-17, 2021

July 19-22, 2021

August 16-19, 2021

September 27-30, 2021

October 18-21, 2021

November 15-18, 2021

December 13-16, 2021

For any scheduling before a Master, please contact the trial coordinator.

DIVISIONAL COURT SITTINGS (1 week each)

- February 1, 2021
- June 7, 2021
- October 25, 2021

AUDITS/PASSING OF ACCOUNTS (Wednesdays)

- February 3, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- April 7, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- June 2, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- August 4, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- October 6, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- December 1, 2021 at 10 a.m.

BAIL ESTREATS (Fridays)

- February 5, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- April 9, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- June 4, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- August 6, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- October 8, 2021 at 10 a.m.
- December 3, 2021 at 10 a.m.

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 Fax # (905) 645-5394

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

www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/schedules/cs/