



**Notice to the Profession and Public
Appeal Conference Pilot Project
for Family Law Fast Track Appeals**

August 14, 2020

On October 1, 2020, the Court of Appeal will commence an Appeal Conference (AC) pilot project for all Family Law Fast Track Appeals. The purpose of the pilot project is to increase access to justice and encourage resolution between parties of outstanding appeals in an effort to reduce family conflicts and expenses. The following protocol will apply:

- The Case Management Officers will schedule a mandatory AC in all Family Law Fast Track Appeals filed on or after October 1, 2020.
- ACs will be scheduled approximately two weeks after the Notice of Appeal is filed, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
- Until further notice, all ACs will be conducted electronically.
- The parties will be required to provide a completed AC Summary Form and the written or transcribed Reasons for Decision appealed from if available.
- The pilot project will run over a one-year term and may be amended, extended or terminated once its effectiveness is evaluated.

Detailed instructions for ACs will be provided in advance of October 1, 2020.

Any questions about the Court's AC pilot project can be directed to the relevant Case Management Officer:

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