

NOTICE TO COUNSEL

CHANGE IN SCHEDULING: DUTY WEEKS, CIVIL MOTIONS AND WEEKLY CIVIL TRIAL SITTINGS

SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE, NEWMARKET

Duty Weeks

Effective September 13, 2010, there will be a change in scheduling in Newmarket for duty weeks. While Mondays will continue to be criminal days for bail reviews and other criminal matters, summary conviction appeals will no longer be heard on Mondays. They will be rescheduled to a date to be assigned by the trial coordinator. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will continue to be civil motions days for regular motions (one hour or less). Fridays will be reserved either for long motions (more than one hour) or summary conviction appeals.

Civil Motions

Effective August 1, 2010, all civil motions in Newmarket must be scheduled through the trial coordinator's office. Please see the accompanying Notice to Counsel regarding the details of this change.

Commencing September 21, 2010, there will be a monthly assignment court for the scheduling of all long motions. Long motions will be scheduled either on Fridays or on some other fixed date scheduled by either the trial coordinator or a judge sitting in the assignment court for long motions.

Weekly Civil Trial Sittings

Effective September 1, 2010, there will no longer be “weekly” civil sittings in Newmarket. Civil trials will be scheduled, as usual, during each Spring and Fall Sittings. An additional two-week period, following each Sittings, will be used to schedule any trials not reached during the Sittings. This two-week period will commence one week after the three-week sittings period has been completed. For example, the Fall 2010 Sittings ends on Friday, December 3, 2010. The additional two-week period will commence on Monday, December 13, 2010.

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