

NOTICE ABOUT URGENT FAMILY LAW APPEALS

March 30, 2020

Urgent family law appeals will continue to be heard by the court and **are not subject to any automatic time extensions by the court and O. Reg 73/20.**

The parties to a potentially urgent family law appeal must identify potential urgency by providing the information below to the court by email at COA.SeniorLegalOfficer@ontario.ca. The other parties to the appeal must be copied on this email. These matters will be referred to case management and the case management judge will determine if the matter is urgent.

If you have already received any form of extension which is not from a judge, please send an email with the information below to COA.SeniorLegalOfficer@ontario.ca. Your appeal will be referred to case management and the case management judge will determine if the matter is urgent.

Matters likely to be deemed urgent by the case management judge include:

1. requests for urgent relief relating to the safety of a child or parent;
2. urgent issues relating to the well-being of a child including essential medical decisions or issues relating to the wrongful removal or retention of a child; and
3. all child protection appeals.

INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY THE PARTIES

Is this a child protection matter under the *Child Youth and Family Services Act*?

Does this appeal relate to the safety of a child or parent?

Does this appeal relate to essential medical decisions with respect to a child?

Does this appeal relate to the wrongful removal or retention of a child?

Is this appeal otherwise urgent? If so, explain.