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Notice to the Profession and the Public re: In-Person Family Matters Resuming in the Ontario Court of Justice at Stratford on September 28, 2020

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On September 11, 2020 the Ontario Court of Justice announced that the resumption of in-person family matters in the Stratford courthouse, originally scheduled for September 14, 2020, would be delayed.

The Ministry has now advised that it is satisfied that all the necessary health and safety measures are in place in the Stratford courthouse to allow in-person proceedings to resume. As a result, the Ontario Court of Justice will resume hearing in-person family matters in the Stratford courthouse on September 28, 2020.

As part of the return to operations plan, the Ministry has committed to implementing health and safety measures in each courthouse. More information about the precautionary health and safety measures at courthouses implemented by the Ministry is available on the following website: COVID-19: Reopening courtrooms.

Do not attend the courthouse if you are experiencing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or have been advised by a public health official, a physician or the Ontario Ministry of Health website to self-isolate. Please contact your lawyer or, if you do not have a lawyer, please contact the courthouse by email or telephone to seek direction.

For more information on the scheduling of family matters at the Ontario Court of Justice, please see: Scheduling of Family Matters in the Ontario Court of Justice (September 2, 2020)