

# **JOHN SOPINKA COURTHOUSE, HAMILTON**

Local Administrative Judge - Madam Justice J.A. Milanetti  
Justices' Spring Seminar May 4-6, 2016 / Justices' Fall Seminar November 2-4, 2016  
Central South Regional Meeting June 8-10, 2016

## **Long Civil Trials (Regional List - civil trials over 15 days in length)**

- March 21, 2016
- October 3, 2016

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.

## **Assignment Courts (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.**

- January 20, 2016
- February 17, 2016
- March 16, 2016
- April 20, 2016
- May 18, 2016
- June 15, 2016
- July 20, 2016
- August 17, 2016
- September 21, 2016
- October 19, 2016
- November 16, 2016
- December 7, 2016

### **Criminal at 9 a.m. (out of custody) & 2 p.m. (in custody)**

- January 22, 2016
- February 19, 2016
- March 18, 2016
- April 22, 2016
- May 20, 2016
- June 17, 2016
- July 22, 2016
- August 19, 2016
- September 23, 2016
- October 21, 2016
- November 18, 2016
- December 9, 2016

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## CIVIL

The Registrar shall place an action that has been set down for trial on the next available Assignment Court following the 60-day period mandated by Rule 48.06. At Assignment 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 assignment 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 Assignment Court, counsel and litigants need not appear. Otherwise counsel/parties must appear at the Assignment 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. NEW: Pre-trial memorandums are to be filed with the trial coordinators office in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure.

### **CIVIL JURY & NON-JURY SITTINGS– 4 SITTINGS PER YEAR– 3 WEEKS EACH DURATION**

“Speak to” courts are scheduled prior to each sittings and counsel must be in attendance to speak to the matter unless a “Consent to Speak To” form is completed and received by the trial coordinator's office 2 days prior to the speak to date. All juries are selected on the first day of the sittings.

- January 25, 2016 “Speak to” court Monday January 18, 2016 at 10 a.m.
- May 9, 2016 “Speak to” court Monday May 2, 2016 at 10 a.m.
- September 12, 2016 “Speak to” court Monday August 29, 2016 at 10 a.m.
- November 21, 2016 “Speak to” court Monday November 14, 2016 at 10 a.m.

Cases are expected to proceed to trial at the sittings chosen by counsel or directed by the Assignment Court justice. Counsel must attend the “speak to” court held 1 or 2 weeks 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 “speak to” 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 5, June 9 and November 3, 2016

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## DIVISIONAL COURT SITTINGS (ONE WEEK LONG EACH)

- February 22, 2016
- May 30, 2016
- October 3, 2016

## AUDITS/PASSING OF ACCOUNTS at 10 a.m.

*(Wednesdays)*

- February 10, 2016
- April 6, 2016.
- June 1, 2016
- August 10, 2016
- October 12, 2016
- December 14, 2016

## BAIL ESTREATS at 10 a.m.

*(Fridays)*

- February 12, 2016
- April 8, 2016
- June 3, 2016
- August 12, 2016
- October 14, 2016
- December 16, 2016

## CRIMINAL TRIALS & PRE-TRIALS

Counsel to contact Trial Coordinator to arrange no later than 3 days before assignment court.  
Judicial pre-trial reports are to be filed with the trial coordinators office.

## BAIL REVIEWS & CRIMINAL APPLICATIONS

Counsel to contact Trial Coordinator to arrange dates.

Trial Coordinator's office telephone # (905) 645-5322