## JOHN SOPINKA COURTHOUSE, HAMILTON

Justices' Spring Seminar May 3-5, 2023/ Justices’ Fall Seminar November 8-10, 2023

Central South Regional Meeting June 14-16, 2023

LONG CIVIL TRIALS (Regional List - civil trials over 15 days in length)

* March 21, 2023
* October 3, 2023

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.

TRIAL SCHEDULING COURT (gowns not required)

Note: Pre-trials are mandatory on all civil actions commenced after January 1, 2010.

#### Civil at 10 a.m. (Wednesdays) - by zoom

* January 18, 2023
* February 15, 2023
* March 15, 2023
* April 19, 2023
* May 17, 2023
* June 21, 2023
* July 19, 2023
* August 16, 2023
* September 20, 2023
* October 18, 2023
* November 15, 2023
* December 13, 2023

#### Criminal at 9:30 a.m. – in person & 11 am by designation (Fridays) - by zoom

* January 20, 2023
* February 17, 2023
* March 17, 2023
* April 21, 2023
* May 19, 2023
* June 23, 2023
* July 21, 2023
* August 18, 2023
* September 22, 2023
* October 20, 2023
* November 17, 2023
* December 15, 2023

***\*\*Zoom links are posted on the Hamilton Law Association***

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**CIVIL**

The Registrar shall place an action that has been set down for trial on the next available Trial Scheduling Court following the 60-day period mandated by Rule 48.06. At Trial Scheduling 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 Trial Scheduling 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 Trial Scheduling Court, counsel and litigants need not appear. Otherwise counsel/parties must appear at the Trial Scheduling 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.

**CIVIL JURY & NON\_JURY SITTINGS – 4 sittings per year (3 weeks each) except May- 4 weeks**

“Trial Readiness” courts are scheduled prior to each sittings and counsel must be in attendance to speak to the matter unless a “Consent for Trial Readiness Court” form is completed and received by the trial coordinator’s office 3 days prior to the speak to date. All juries are selected on the first day of the sittings.

* February 13, 2023 “Trial Readiness” court Monday February 6, 2023 at 10 a.m.\*\*
* May 8, 2023 “Trial Readiness” court Monday May 1, 2023 at 10 a.m.\*\*
* September 11, 2023 “Trial Readiness” court Monday August 28, 2023 at 10 a.m.\*\*
* November 20, 2023 “Trial Readiness” court Monday November 6, 2023 at 10 a.m.\*\*

\*\* ***by zoom- Link in posted on the Hamilton Law Association***

Cases are expected to proceed to trial at the sittings chosen by counsel or directed by the Trial Scheduling Court justice. Counsel must attend the “Trial Readiness” court held 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 “Trial Readiness” 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.***

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**CIVIL MOTIONS**

Civil motions of one hour or less are filed for a Wednesday placeholder date as per the Practice Direction of April 19, 2022.

Confirmations required 3 days prior by 2 p.m. There will be no motions May 5, June 9 and November 10, 2022.

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.



**ASSOCIATE JUDGES**

Associate Judges preside Mondays over civil pre-trials, **Wednesdays over bankruptcy**, Tuesdays & Thursdays over motions the following weeks:

Jan. 16-19, 2023 July 17-20, 2023

Feb. 21-24, 2023 August 21-24, 2024

March 20-23, 2023 September 18-21, 2023

April 17-20, 2023 October 16-19, 2023

May 15-18, 2023 November 20-23, 2023

June 19-22, 2023 December 18-21, 2023

For any scheduling before an Associate Judge, please contact the trial coordinator.

**DIVISIONAL COURT SITTINGS (1 week each)**

* February 6, 2023
* June 5, 2023
* October 30, 2023

**AUDITS/PASSING OF ACCOUNTS** ***(Wednesdays)***

* January 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.
* March 22, 2023 at 10 a.m.
* May 24, 2023 at 10 a.m.
* July 26, 2023 at 10 a.m.
* September 27, 2023 at 10 a.m.
* November 22, 2023 at 10 a.m.

**BAIL ESTREATS *(Fridays)***

* January 27, 2023 at 10 a.m.
* March 24, 2023 at 10 a.m.

* May 26, 2023 at 10 a.m.
* July 28, 2023 at 10 a.m.
* September 29, 2023 at 10 a.m.
* November 24, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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### Criminal Trials & Pre-trials

Counsel to contact Trial Coordinator to arrange no later than 3 days before assignment court.

**BAIL REVIEWS & CRIMINAL APPLICATIONS**

Counsel to contact Trial Coordinator to arrange dates.

Trial Coordinator’s office telephone # (905) 645-5322 or e-mail [Hamilton.superior.court@ontario.ca](mailto:Hamilton.superior.court@ontario.ca)

More helpful information may be found on the Superior Court website at:

[www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/schedules/cs/](http://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/schedules/cs/)