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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: January 5, 2023
TO: The Profession and Self-Represented Litigants
FROM: The London Family Court Bench
RE: Notice of Change in Court Schedule

Further to the Notice dated December 1, 2022, the following changes to the LFCB schedule will take place on or around the anticipated rollout date. We have included our best estimate for the start date. These dates may vary.

MONDAY

Settlement Conferences and Trial Management Conferences, in person

- 4 matters scheduled at 10:00 a.m.
- 2 matters scheduled at 2:30 p.m.

Anticipated start date: October 30, 2023

Case Conferences, in person

- 5 matters scheduled at 10:00 a.m.
- 2 matters scheduled at 2:30 p.m.

Anticipated start date: March 6, 2023

TUESDAY

R. 39, virtual, 9:30 a.m. start

Anticipated start date: immediate, carrying on as is

Case Conferences, in person

- 5 matters scheduled at 10:00 a.m.
- 2 matters scheduled at 2:30 p.m.

Anticipated start date: April 4, 2023

Settlement Conferences and Trial Management Conferences, in person

- 4 matters scheduled at 10:00 a.m.
- 2 matters scheduled at 2:30 p.m.

Anticipated start date: October 24, 2023

WEDNESDAY

Argued Motions, virtual, 10:00 a.m., open list

Anticipated start date: May 31, 2023

In January, February, March, April 2023, urgent motion requests may still be submitted for triage.

Effective immediately, motion dates will not be provided by trial coordination. A motion may be brought on any Wednesday from May 31, 2023 onward.

THURSDAY

CAS/CYFSA – Speak to, virtual, 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. timeslots

Anticipated start date: February 2, 2023

CAS/CYFSA – Conferences, in person, 10:00 a.m.

- 4 matters scheduled at 10:00 a.m.
- 2 matters scheduled at 2:30 p.m.

Anticipated start date: March 16, 2023

FRIDAY

CAS/CYFSA – Motions, virtual, 10:00 a.m., open list

Anticipated start date: February 17, 2023

Non-CAS/CYFSA – Long Motions, virtual, 10:00 a.m., to be set upon completion of Certificate of Special Appointment (see below)

Non-CAS/CYFSA – Uncontested Trials, virtual, 2:30 p.m.

Anticipated start date: immediate, carrying on as is

CYFSA Summary Judgement Motions (SJMs)

Two types of SJMs will be scheduled: contested SJMs and those that proceed on the basis that respondent parent ceases all communication.

If a matter is to proceed as a SJM, it should be flagged as such at the Settlement Conference. It should also be identified as contested or unopposed.

If expected to be unopposed, it may be brought on a Friday motion date to be selected by counsel. The settlement conference judge will adjourn the matter to a TBST date a few months down the road to ensure that the motion took place, and a decision was rendered.

If contested, the court will not schedule a Trial Management Conference but rather place the matter on a Thursday speak to list. Before the Thursday speak to list date, the parties will complete the Certificate for Special Appointment for the court's approval. Once the Certificate for Special Appointment has been completed and approved, the speak to judge will provide a Trial Readiness Court date. This will allow sufficient time to prepare for the SJM and to serve and file all material in accordance with the Rules and/or the Certificate for Special Appointment. When following the Rules, counsel should serve and file as if the SJM is to proceed on the first day of the trial sittings.

To the extent possible, once the trial list has been vetted after Trial Readiness Court, a fixed date will be set for the contested SJMs.

There will be no expectation that a trial will follow if the SJM fails. The judge may reserve their decision. The matter should be placed on a speak to date for an update and next steps.

The unopposed SJMs on a CAS/CYFSA motion list will be virtual.

The contested SJMs on the trial list will be in person, consistent with other matters on the trial list.

Non-CYSFA Summary Judgement Motions and Long Motions

Parties requesting a SJM or Long Motion date will be required to complete the Certificate for Special Appointment for the court's approval. The Certificate for Special Appointment must be brought to the attention of the motion judge on the Wednesday's open motion list. Once it has been approved, the court will provide a date.

A townhall will be scheduled at the end of the month.

The London Family Court Bench
January 5, 2023