

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

The Court of Appeal continues to be concerned about the delays in family law appeals, particularly those involving the custody of and access to children. For that reason, family law appeals which involve custody and access issues are being referred to a justice of the Court of Appeal in all cases where time requirements have not been met. The justice will request the Registry to make inquiries of the party in default, and will arrange pre-hearing conferences (usually in the form of teleconferences) with a view to determining the reasons for the delay and to expediting the appeals.

Any party to a family law appeal may request a pre-hearing conference at any time.

“The Honourable Chief Justice Finch”

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