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NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

DATE: February 6, 2017 (*REVISION OF FEBRUARY 1ST NOTICE*)

FROM: The Honourable Justice R.S. Gee

RE: Continuing Records (CFSA & CLRA Matters)

At the Family Liaison meeting of October 13, 2016 and again today, it was agreed to cap the number of pages in Continuing Records of all CFSA and CLRA matters at 150 pages unless that would split the document, in which case counsel is permitted to go over the 150 page limit. Please use common sense, i.e. don't file a 50 page affidavit if the record already has 140 pages, rather, begin a fresh volume with the 50 page affidavit. CAS is responsible for the first volume, but any of CAS, counsel, or self-represented parties is responsible for opening the second or subsequent volumes, depending solely on who is filing materials resulting in the preceding volume being over 150 pages. Court Services will provide, **only for self-reps, the Red Covers, prong fasteners and the necessary tabs.**

Once again, counsel are reminded of the need for confirmations and the allocation for time required. Failure to file confirmations runs the risk of the matter not being heard.

Finally, as a result of meeting with Rob Blake of Legal Aid it was confirmed that in child protection matters if a couple separates subsequent to the protection application being brought, each parent would then be entitled to separate legal counsel, providing the financial eligibility requirement was met **and the parents were presenting separate plans.**

**The Honourable Justice R.S. Gee,
Local Administrative Judge**