

# Practice Memorandum

**To:** Brant Law Association  
**CC:** Justice Arrell, RSJ  
**From:** Justice R. John Harper, LAJ  
**Date:** 24/01/2017  
**Re:** Long Motions – Brantford Superior Court

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## Long Motions

This memo is further to the Brantford 2017 Calendar of courts that was provided to the lawyers in this jurisdiction in the fall of 2016, a copy is also attached.

In order to be more efficient and expedite the hearing of long motions for the public and counsel, we will be scheduling all long motions to be returned on a running trial list of counsels' choosing, as is the policy throughout the Region.

This is to clarify that counsel, on consent, may choose the trial week they wish the long motion to be heard with the Trial co-ordinator and not have to attend Assignment Court. Once on a trial list, the parties shall be ready when called and be prepared to argue their motion within ½ day to 1 days' notice.

Counsel are reminded of the rules for long motions in regard to factums and confirmations, which must both be filed at least 3 days before the scheduled hearing date. All may be found in the Consolidated Practice Direction for the Central South Region.

January 24, 2017

In addition, if counsel could include with their confirmation a letter advising the court of any dates counsel are NOT available during that trial sitting and the reason why, although there are no guarantees, we will endeavour to make our best efforts to accommodate those unavailable days.

Dated at the City of Brantford, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.



Harper, J.

# **BRANTFORD 2017**

Local Administrative Judge: Mr. Justice J. Harper  
Justices' Spring Seminar May 3- 5, 2017 / Justices' Fall Seminar Nov. 8 – 10, 2017  
Central South Regional Meeting June 7 – 9, 2017

## **ASSIGNMENT COURT (CRIMINAL @ 9:45 a.m. & CIVIL @ 11:30 a.m.)**

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Thursday, January 26, 2017  | Thursday, July 27, 2017      |
| Thursday, February 23, 2017 | Thursday, August 24, 2017    |
| Thursday, March 30, 2017    | Thursday, September 28, 2017 |
| Thursday, April 27, 2017    | Thursday, October 26, 2017   |
| Thursday, May 25, 2017      | Thursday, November 23, 2017  |
| Thursday, June 29, 2017     | Thursday, December 21, 2017  |

## **90 DAY DETENTION REVIEWS & ESTREAT COURT**

Held on each assignment court day (as listed above) at 10:30 a.m.

*REGULAR MOTIONS @10:00 (Short motions 59 min or less total time) As per the directive of the LAJ, any motion 60 minutes or more, will be placed on a running trial sitting of counsels choosing on consent and are to be ready to be called within ½ -1 days' notice during those sittings.*

**Please note Motions NO longer every Friday. Therefore the following dates are MOTIONS.**

|          |              |       |             |
|----------|--------------|-------|-------------|
| January  | 6 & 27       | July  | 7 & 14      |
| February | 3 & 17       | Aug.  | 4 & 25*     |
| March    | 3 & 17 & 31* | Sept. | 1, 15 & 29* |
| April    | 7 & 28*      | Oct.  | 13 & 20     |
| May      | 12 & 26      | Nov.  | 3 & 17      |
| June     | 16* & 30     | Dec.  | 1 & 15      |

## **TRIAL SITTINGS—Jury and Non-Jury:**

*As per the directive of the LAJ, any motion 60 minutes or more, will also be placed on a running trial sitting of counsels choosing on consent & are to be ready to be called within ½-1 days' notice during those sittings.*

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Jan. 9 (2 weeks)  | July 17 (2 weeks)              |
| Jan. 30 (2 weeks) | Aug. 14 (2 weeks)              |
| Feb. 27 (2 week)  | Sep. 18 (3 weeks)              |
| Mar. 20 (2 week)  | Oct. 23 (2 weeks)              |
| Apr. 24 (4 weeks) | Nov. 13 (3 weeks)              |
| June 12 (2 weeks) | Dec. 18 (1 week) (judge alone) |

**Conferences and Civil Pre-trials are arranged through the Superior Court Trial Coordinator.**

## **LONG TRIALS: (Any civil or family trial longer than 3 weeks)**

***March 19, 2017 and October 10, 2017***

Long trial intake form to be completed in full by all counsel/self represented parties and provided to the Office of the Regional Senior Justice for consideration by the Regional Senior Judge.