



THE LAW COURTS
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COVID-19: CIVIL MATTERS – RESUMPTION OF CASE PLANNING CONFERENCES

COVID-19 Notice No. 36

Date: July 10, 2020

On March 19, 2020 the Honourable Chief Justice Hinkson suspended regular operations of the Supreme Court of British Columbia to protect the health and safety of court users and to help contain the spread of COVID-19. The Court has gradually resumed some regular operations, including trials, chambers applications and other hearings and conferences, many of which proceed remotely.

Effective **July 13, 2020**, parties may book Case Planning Conferences (CPCs) in accordance with the process set out in the *Supreme Court Civil Rules*, as modified in this notice. Until further notice, all CPCs, including the first CPC held in an action, will proceed by telephone unless the court otherwise orders. See the Court's order dated July 10, 2020 found [here](#).

At any time after the pleading period has expired, a party of record to an action may request a CPC by obtaining a date and time from Supreme Court Scheduling at the registry where the file is located. Available dates are posted online [here](#).

A party of record must file a **notice of case planning conference in Form 19** with the modifications below. Form 19 must:

- identify that the CPC is being heard by telephone; and
- include email addresses and telephone numbers for all parties, which the registry may use to contact the parties to confirm telephone conferencing information.

THE FOREGOING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ANY UPDATED DIRECTIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE COURT'S WEBSITE.

Dated July 10, 2020 at Vancouver, British Columbia

By Direction of Chief Justice Christopher E. Hinkson
Supreme Court of British Columbia