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No. 009  
Vancouver Registry



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

RELATING TO THE COURT'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

ORDER

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE  
CHIEF JUSTICE HINKSON

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Monday, the 11th day of  
April, 2022

ON THE COURT'S OWN MOTION:

WHEREAS

1. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on April 22, 2020, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General made Ministerial Order No. M121 which authorizes me and the Associate Chief Justice to, *inter alia*, make orders that a specified rule does not apply in relation to a class of applications and respecting the manner in which a class of applications is to be conducted;
2. On July 10, 2020, the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*, S.B.C. 2020, c. 8 came into force and Ministerial Order No. M121 was enacted as a provision of that *Act*;
3. Between April 27, 2020 and June 30, 2021, to facilitate the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every proceeding while protecting the health and safety of Court users, I made the following orders:
  - a. COVID-19 Order No. 001, dated April 27, 2020
  - b. COVID-19 Order No. 002, dated May 13, 2020
  - c. COVID-19 Order No. 003, dated June 5, 2020
  - d. COVID-19 Order No. 004, dated July 13, 2020
  - e. COVID-19 Order No. 005, dated July 13, 2020
  - f. COVID-19 Order No. 006, dated July 10, 2020
  - g. COVID-19 Order No. 007, dated April 12, 2021
  - h. COVID-19 Order No. 008, dated June 30, 2021

(collectively, the "Court's COVID-19 Orders"); and

4. Effective April 11, 2022, the Court will return to in-person hearings as the default manner of proceeding for all civil and family matters, except for regular chambers applications, which will continue by video to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission in high density courtrooms.

THIS COURT ORDERS THAT:

1. The Court's COVID-19 Orders are revoked.
2. All applications made under Rule 8-1 of the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* and Rule 10-6 of the *Supreme Court Family Rules* that are two hours or less and not scheduled on the trial list will be heard by video, unless the Court otherwise orders.
3. Rule 8-2(1)(b), (c) and (2) of the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* and Rule 10-2(1)(b), (c) and (2) of the *Supreme Court Family Rules* do not apply to applications that are two hours or less, not scheduled on the trial list, and heard by video.
4. Rule 8-1(15)(d)(ii) of the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* and Rule 10-6(14)(d)(ii) of the *Supreme Court Family Rules* do not apply to applications that are heard by video. An application record may include copies of authorities.
5. The process in Rule 8-1(19) and (20) of the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* and Rule 10-6(17) and (18) of the *Supreme Court Family Rules* for retrieval of application records does not apply to applications that are heard by video. The timeline for retrieving application records is as set out in the Court's notice respecting chambers applications by Microsoft Teams video.
6. If a chambers matter is to be heard by video, and the court requires the applicant to provide an electronic copy of the application record, the requirement in Rule 8-1(15) of the *Supreme Court Civil Rules* and Rule 10-6(14) of the *Supreme Court Family Rules* that the applicant provide a printed application record to the registry does not apply.
7. This order will remain in effect until further order by me or the Associate Chief Justice.



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Chief Justice Christopher E. Hinkson

Supreme Court of British Columbia