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## Notice to the Profession, the Public and the Media Regarding Civil Proceedings – Bankruptcy and Insolvency

### COVID-19: E-FILING AND BANKRUPTCY DESK ORDER APPLICATIONS

**Date: April 21, 2020**

On March 19, 2020 the Supreme Court of British Columbia suspended regular operations to protect the health and safety of court users and to help contain the spread of COVID-19. [All civil and family matters scheduled for hearing between March 19, 2020 and May 29, 2020 \(the “Suspension Period”\) have been adjourned](#), unless the Court otherwise directed. The Court has established [processes to hear urgent or essential insolvency matters](#), as well as certain other matters, during the Suspension Period.

**Effective April 20, 2020**, in an effort to increase the ease of e-filing, Court Services Online will also allow e-filing through the use of a Basic BCeID account. More information can be found [here](#).

Information about other methods of filing is available [here](#).

The Court encourages trustees to use e-filing for bankruptcy applications where a hearing is not required. Desk order applications continue to be processed during the Suspension Period, including:

- Approval of proposals
- Taxation of costs and trustees’ remuneration
- Reappointment of trustees

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

Dated April 21, 2020 at Vancouver, British Columbia

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