

As part of our ongoing dialogue and participation with the E-Task Force and the Superior Court of Justice Working Group, we have been provided with the attached report of Justice Myers and Stephen Cavanaugh who were tasked to review the Rules of Civil Procedure and identify rules which might require amendment to accommodate our current situation as well as carry forward the mandate of Chief Justice Morawetz to adopt a more digital system of conducting civil litigation in this province.

FOLA has been asked to circulate this report and provide feedback next week and I would ask that you provide any comments, input or feedback to Katie Robinette [katie.robinette@fola.ca](mailto:katie.robinette@fola.ca) by **Monday, June 1, 2020 4:00 pm**.

We are still in the process of reviewing this report and formulating our response. You will note that many of the proposed changes are administrative in nature to recognize the use of e-filing of documents and video conferencing for hearings. It is understood that this report is intended to generate discussion and feedback; however you will note that there are some changes which might represent a significant departure from current practice and the consequences to our membership could be significant. As an example, geographical barriers could be largely eliminated under some of these proposed changes which could have a significant impact on the work of local practitioners.

As always, the devil is in the details and as much as I think we would all like to see improvements and greater efficiency within our system; there is always a concern raised by the unintended consequences of reform. We are also advised that the Ministry of the Attorney General is considering more “radical” changes and we are following up in an effort to obtain more details.

I apologize for the short turnaround time that has been imposed upon us and I thank you in advance for your input as it is appreciated and valued.

Report is [Here](#)