

On March 31, 2021, the Chief Justice made an Order pursuant to s. 85 of the *Provincial Offences Act* extending timelines until September 7, 2021 relating to POA appeals under the *Act* that would have expired on or after March 15, 2020.

The time limits for proceedings in the Ontario Court of Justice prescribed under the *Provincial Offences Act* in sections 116(2)(a), 116(3) and 135(2) of the *Provincial Offences Act*, and under sections 5(2) and 5(3) of the *Rules of the Ontario Court (General Division) and the Ontario Court (Provincial Division) in Appeals Under Section 116 of the Provincial Offences Act*, O. Reg. 723/94, that would have expired on or after March 15, 2020 are extended until September 7, 2021.

Prior to September 7th, 2021, only urgent POA appeals to a judge of the Ontario Court of Justice will be accepted for filing. Urgent POA appeals are limited to those where the defendant is subject to a licence suspension.

As of April 12, 2021, any POA Appeal that is already before the court may be scheduled for a remote hearing as per the direction of the Regional Senior Justice. No in-person POA Appeals will be held earlier than October 4, 2021.

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