

## **2022 December 14**

The following information from Durham Region's Team Lead, Justice the Honourable Madam Justice Fryer:

### **Trial Sittings:**

There is a backlog of Trials and Long Motions following the November Trial Sittings.

There will be some additional weeks added for Trials in Oshawa in 2023:

- Two weeks with two judges in February
- Two weeks with two judges in June
- Two weeks with two judges in September

Matters not reached will be set for Trial Assignment Court on March 7, 2023.

The Court will issue an endorsement for each matter set for Long Motions and Trials not reached in the November sittings.

### **Early Triage Court:**

An Early Triage Conference will be available in 2023. A judge will sit for one hour each week with three matters each scheduled for 20 minutes.

The primary purpose of an Early Triage Conference is to provide limited early judicial intervention to help litigants put temporary arrangements in place to avoid the need for an urgent motion or other urgent attendance. A secondary purpose of an ETC is to obtain early procedural directions including determining what the next step should be, consistent with subrules 2(2) and 2(3) of the Family Law Rules, and whether any part of the case needs to be expedited.

[A memo for Early Triage Conferences is attached.](#)

The Form for the Early Triage Conference Brief that must be filed (dates and purposes etc. are set out in the memo) for an Early Triage Conference is [attached.](#)

## **Binding Judicial Dispute Resolution:**

A new pilot project has commenced in the Durham Region Superior Court of Justice, Family Court Branch. This pilot will allow parties in a family law case, on consent, to choose to participate in Binding Judicial Dispute Resolution (Binding JDR) to arrive at a final resolution of their case instead of following the regular process under the Family Law Rules.

[The Notice to the Profession is attached.](#)

[The Form for How to Request a Binding Judicial Dispute Resolution Hearing is attached.](#)