

Changes to Toronto Region Estates List Operations in Light of COVID-19, March 23, 2020

1. In accordance with the [Notice to the Profession](#) issued by Chief Justice Morawetz, March 15, 2020, all regular matters which have been scheduled and are not urgent, or time sensitive, are adjourned to after June 1, 2020 and are not currently being rescheduled, subject to any further direction from the court.
2. The judges of the Estates List will continue to hear and decide urgent and time sensitive matters. The procedure for urgent matters on the Estates List is the same as the procedure for urgent matters on the Commercial List and will be in accordance with the procedure set out in the [Changes to Commercial List Operations in Light of COVID-19](#) March 16, 2020 advisory, with necessary changes. For greater certainty, all urgent requests and materials on the Estates List should be sent to the Commercial List trial coordinator at Toronto.commercialist@jus.gov.on.ca.
3. There is no change to the usual procedure for filing materials in matters that are to be considered by the court in writing, including motions for consent orders and *ex parte* orders. Materials for matters to be heard in writing may still be filed at the Estates Office, subject to any further direction of the court.
4. Applications for Certificates of Appointment are still being accepted and processed by the Estate Office.
5. Notices of Application (Forms 14E, 74.44, and 75.5) will continue to be issued by the Estates Office but instead of fixing a return date the Notice of Application shall indicate that the matter will be heard: “*on a date to be fixed by the Registrar.*”
6. Notices of Objections (Form 75.1) may be filed in the Estates Office as usual.