



THE PROVINCIAL COURT  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Effective date: *29 November 2021*

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## **NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC**

### **INTERIOR VIRTUAL BAIL HEARINGS**

#### **Purpose**

To facilitate the efficient scheduling and operation of virtual judicial interim release (bail) hearings in the Interior Region during court sitting hours on weekdays.

#### **Application**

This Notice is effective November 29, 2021 until further notice and applies to bail hearings for all adult and youth criminal files in the Interior Region.

#### **Notice**

1. Weekday bail hearings during court sitting hours for adult and youth criminal matters in the Interior Region will be heard in two virtual courtrooms: VR3 (Kelowna) and VR 4 (Kamloops).
2. The daily virtual bail hearing schedule will be **9:30AM – 12:00PM** (for remand list matters) and **1:30PM – 4:30PM** (for new in custodies).
3. Morning or afternoon matters estimated to be longer than 30 minutes are expected to be scheduled through a Judicial Case Manager.
4. If a bail hearing is adjourned, the matter will be adjourned to the same virtual courtroom list, or to the Judicial Case Manager for further scheduling.
5. Crown and defence counsel shall submit any documents they wish the Court to consider for a virtual bail hearing in the usual manner.

6. This process will be subject to review by the Court and this Notice may be modified as a result.

**Cross-Reference**

- The Policy on Use of Electronic Devices in Courtrooms and Access to Court Proceedings Policy, including the general prohibition on the recording or broadcasting of court proceedings unless authorized by the Court; and
- Notice to the Profession and Public 21 for etiquette and directions on connecting by remotely. (**Anyone** appearing in Provincial Court by Teams can email the CBABC at [members@cbabc.org](mailto:members@cbabc.org) for technical support.)

**History of Notice to the Profession and Public**

- Original Notice to the Profession and Public effective November 29, 2021.

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