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Dear Counsel,

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION: Restructuring Case Management at the Durham Region Crown Attorney's Office; June 30, 2025.

For many years, the Durham Region Crown Attorney's Office organized its case management teams to align with Durham Regional Police Service platoons (A, B, C & D). Effective Monday June 30, 2025, our case management teams will maintain their current structure, but will transition and be organized alphabetically, based on the defendant's surname. In cases involving multiple defendants, the file will be assigned based on the first defendant's surname.

- Defendants with a surname beginning with the letters 'A', 'B', 'C' or 'F', will have their Courtroom 108 appearances on Tuesdays, when a Case Management Crown is available in our resolution office to conduct stand-down Crown Pre-Trials. Judicial Pre-Trials for this case management team will be scheduled on Thursdays.
- Defendants with a surname beginning with the letters 'D', 'E', 'G', 'H', 'I', 'J' or 'K' will have their Courtroom 108 appearances on Wednesdays, when a Case Management

Crown is available in our resolution office to conduct stand-down Crown Pre-trials. Judicial pre-trials for this case management team will be scheduled on Mondays.

- Defendants with a surname beginning with the letters ‘L’, ‘M’, ‘N’, ‘O’ or ‘P’ will have their Courtroom 108 appearances on Thursdays, when a Case Management Crown is available in our resolution office to conduct stand-down Crown Pre-Trials. Judicial Pre-Trials for this case management team will be scheduled on Tuesdays.
- Defendants with a surname beginning with the letters ‘Q’, ‘R’, ‘S’, ‘T’, ‘U’, ‘V’, ‘W’, ‘X’, ‘Y’ or ‘Z’ will have Courtroom 108 appearances on Fridays, when a Case Management Crown is available in our resolution office to conduct stand-down Crown Pre-Trials. Judicial pre-trials for this case management team will be scheduled on Wednesdays.

In addition to the case management teams noted above, the Durham Region Crown Attorney’s Office will maintain its **YCJA Case Management Team**. YCJA matters appear in Courtroom 101 on Tuesdays, when our YCJA Crown, is available to conduct stand-down Crown Pre-Trials. Judicial Pre-Trials in our youth court are scheduled on Fridays.

Our E Platoon Case Management team will be renamed “**Major Case Team**” and will continue to case manage files from the Special Victims Unit, Major Fraud, Robbery, Homicide, Human Trafficking and the Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) Unit. These cases will continue to appear in Courtroom 108 on Mondays when a Case Management Crown is available to conduct stand-down Crown Pre-Trials. Judicial Pre-Trials will be scheduled on Fridays.

In addition to offering in-person Crown Pre-trials for matters in court that day, our case management teams also offer scheduled crown pre-trials. Defence counsel and self-represented defendants wishing to schedule a Crown Pre-Trial with the Durham Region Crown Attorney’s Office, can do so electronically through the following portal:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/DurhamRegionCrownAttorneysOffice@Ontariogov.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

CPT’s scheduled prior to June 30, 2025, do not need to be re-scheduled. The MS Bookings page will be updated so that CPT’s scheduled after June 30 will align with the correct case management team.

As representatives of the Durham Region Law Association, the Criminal Lawyers’ Association, and the Ontario Bar Association, I would be grateful if you would share this Notice with your colleagues in the defence Bar, in Durham Region and beyond.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or our new electronic CPT scheduling tool, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at Michael.R.Newell@ontario.ca or at (905) 743-2780.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael Newell", in dark ink on a light gray rectangular background.

Michael Newell
Deputy Crown Attorney
Durham Region Crown Attorney's Office

c.c.: Duty Counsel, Oshawa

**Durham Region Crown Attorney's Office
Notice to the Profession
Case Management Changes – Effective June 30, 2025**

TAKE NOTICE: Effective Monday June 30, 2025, Case Management Teams at the Durham Region Crown Attorney's Office will be organized alphabetically, based on the defendant's surname. In cases involving multiple defendants, the file will be assigned based on the first defendant's surname.

CPT's scheduled prior to June 30, 2025, do not need to be re-scheduled.

Case Management Teams

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| • 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'F': | Kylie Buker and Sam Saunders |
| • 'D', 'E', 'G', 'H', 'I', 'J' and 'K': | Lavaniya Dayananthan and Oliver Fitzgerald |
| • 'L', 'M', 'N', 'O' and 'P': | Demi Aspiotis and Vicki Hentz |
| • 'Q', 'R', 'S', 'T', 'U', 'V', 'W', 'X', 'Y' or 'Z': | Brad Hart and Daniella Portolese |
| • YCJA Prosecutions: | Megan Allan |
| • Major Case Prosecutions: | Dave Slessor (Kevin Alderton effective June 30, 2025) |

Conducting and/or Scheduling Crown Pre-trials (CPT's)

CM Crowns conduct pre-scheduled CPT's through MS Bookings. You can schedule a CPT by visiting the MS Bookings site at the following link:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/DurhamRegionCrownAttorneysOffice@Ontariogov.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

CM Crowns are also available to conduct Crown Pre-trials in the Resolution Office on the following days, when their team's cases are in court:

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| • Monday: | Major Case Prosecutions | Dave Slessor/ Kevin Alderton (eff. June 30) |
| • Tuesday: | 'A' to 'C' & 'F' | Kylie Buker or Sam Saunders |
| | YCJA Prosecutions | Megan Allan |
| • Wednesday: | 'D', 'E' & 'G' to 'K' | Lavaniya Dayananthan or Oliver Fitzgerald |
| • Thursday: | 'L' to 'P' | Demetra Aspiotis or Vicki Hentz |
| • Friday: | 'Q' to 'Z' | Brad Hart or Daniella Portolese |

Disclosure Requests and Other Correspondence

Please continue to submit your case management correspondence through our office email: VirtualCrownOshawa@ontario.ca