



NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

COURTCALL-VIDEO PILOT NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SUPREME COURT GRAND BANK AND CLARENVILLE CIRCUIT COURT LOCATIONS

The Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador wishes to advise members of the Bar and public that it is conducting a pilot on CourtCall-Video to compliment the current telephonic courtroom appearances we are now offering. *This pilot is being conducted by the Grand Bank judicial centre and will include appearances at Grand Bank and the Clarenville Circuit Court.*

Voluntary video/telephonic appearances through CourtCall may now be made in certain matters before the Grand Bank Judicial Centre of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador. In order to use CourtCall, you must first check to ensure that you may appear in your matter by telephone/video. [Rule 47A of the Rules of the Supreme Court, 1986](#), sets out how you request to appear by telephone/video. Once you have confirmed with the Court that you may appear by **CourtCall video, please contact CourtCall not less than three (3) court days before the hearing date at 1-888-882-6878** to set up your telephonic/video appearance. Please note that there is a \$65.00 fee to use this service, payable to CourtCall, LLC (you will require a credit card to make the payment). A confirmation from CourtCall, LLC, will be emailed or faxed to your office upon the filing and payment outlined above. You can find more information about CourtCall-video on their website: www.courtcall.com.

In addition to basic video appearances outlined above, Courtcall-Video also offers the ability for a witness to give evidence in a case, where approved by the court. The fees, payable to CourtCall, LLC, are then billed on a tiered basis for a fee of \$55.00 for the first 45 minutes and \$12.50 for each additional 15 minute increment. This option will be offered on an approved basis for evidence from Expert witness, Police witnesses, etc.

A CourtCall appearance is made as part of a Court's usual calendar. Unless notified to the contrary, all counsel who have made arrangements with CourtCall (provided that they have also **obtained prior approval from the Court, where required**) may appear by video. A pre-hearing check-in will occur five minutes before the scheduled hearing time.

A CourtCall appearance is voluntary and may be made without consent of the other party. The Court, however, reserves the discretion to require personal appearance.

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