



Ontario Court of Justice

**Notice to the Profession and Public**

**Pronouns for Lawyers and Parties**

At the beginning of any in-person, virtual or hybrid hearings, when lawyers are introducing themselves, their client, a witness or another individual, they should provide the judge or justice of the peace with each person's name, title (e.g. Mr., Mrs., Mx., Counsel "X") and pronouns to be used in the hearing. If counsel does not provide this information in their introduction, they may be invited by a court clerk to provide this information.

At the beginning of each court session, court clerks have been asked by Court Services Division to announce that parties appearing before the court are invited to provide their title and pronouns to the court.

Sharon Nicklas  
Chief Justice  
Ontario Court of Justice