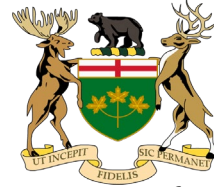




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Public Statement by Ontario’s three Chief Justices regarding the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30th) and how it will continue to be honoured

September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This is a day to reflect on the tragic legacy of the residential school system and the ways it continues to affect Indigenous Peoples in Canada. It is a day to mourn the children who did not return from residential school and to honour the survivors, their families, and the resilience of their communities.

Ontario’s Courts will continue to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by limiting operations on this day as follows:

- In the Ontario Court of Justice, only Weekend and Statutory Holiday (bail) courts will operate.
- In the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, only urgent matters such as those heard on statutory holidays will be heard.
- In the Court of Appeal for Ontario, no motions or appeals will be scheduled for that day.
- At all levels of court, counter services will not be available.

In years when September 30th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Courts will honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on the Monday that follows September 30th. For example, because September 30th, 2028 falls on a Saturday, the Courts will honour the Day on Monday, October 2nd, 2028.

Sincerely,

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