

Our September 2025 Newsletter mentioned that new Notices/Practice Directions were expected shortly to provide guidance on the launch of the **Courts Digital Transformation** initiative for the **Toronto Region**. The relevant Notice and Practice Direction are below.

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In Case You Missed It – Ontario Superior Court of Justice's Notice to the Profession for the Toronto Region Re: Courts Digital Transformation Implementation

- This <u>Notice to the Profession for the Toronto Region</u>, dated October 2, 2025, provides information about the implementation of the Courts Digital Transformation (CDT) initiative in the Toronto Region, including:
  - Effective **October 3, 2025**, the Justice Service Ontario (JSO) portals were discontinued for Family and Civil proceedings in Toronto.
  - From October 6, 2025, to October 10, 2025, documents for filing/issuance must be submitted in person. Counter services will have expanded hours of operation from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Only urgent filings can be submitted by email.
  - Effective October 14, 2025, all electronic court filings in Family and Civil
     Proceedings must be submitted through the CDT's new digital justice solution –
     the Ontario Courts Public Portal.
  - The updated Toronto Regional Practice Direction reflecting the new filing portal effective **October 14, 2025**, will be provided to the Bar prior to the Thanksgiving weekend and will be updated on the Court's <u>website</u> on **October 14, 2025**.

In Case You Missed It – Ontario Court of Justice's Practice Direction Re: Filing Documents Electronically in Toronto through the Ontario Courts Public Portal

- This <u>Practice Direction</u>, last updated October 1, 2025, provides information about the implementation of the Courts Digital Transformation (CDT) initiative in the Toronto Region, including:
  - Effective **October 3, 2025**, the Justice Service Ontario (JSO) portal was discontinued for family and child protection cases in Toronto.

- In-person services continue to be available at the court counters for 47 Sheppard Ave E and 311 Jarvis St.
- Effective **October 14, 2025**, all electronic court filings in family and child protection cases in Toronto must be submitted through the CDT's new digital justice solution the Ontario Courts Public Portal.
- This Practice Direction will be updated as the CDT initiative is expanded and the Ontario Courts Public Portal is made available in additional locations.

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