



COURT OF APPEAL OF QUEBEC

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Digital office of the Court of Appeal: Pilot project respecting the electronic filing of notices of appeal in civil matters

On April 9, 2020, as part of a pilot project, the Court of Appeal will launch the first phase of its future digital court office, a project that has been underway for several months. The electronic platform to be rolled out on that date will initially be available only for appeals as of right in civil matters. Users will be able to use the platform to file notices of appeal as well as proofs of service and proofs of notification, and they will be able to pay the required judicial fees. Subsequently, e-filings will gradually be expanded to cover other pleadings (in civil, penal or criminal matters).

Within the scope of the pilot project, a party who chooses to use this method will be required to send to the Court office, within the following five (5) working days, a paper version of the notice of appeal, of the proof of service thereof and of the proof of notification.

Parties who use e-filing must still fully comply with the substantive rules and the rules of form prescribed by the *Code of Civil Procedure*, the *Civil Practice Regulation (Court of Appeal)*, the notices of the Chief Justice and the practice directions. The specific rules and conditions for e-filings are set out in Practice Direction G-9, which will also come into effect on April 9, 2020.

Parties or their counsel are strongly encouraged to use e-filing as of April 9, 2020 to file their notices of appeal in appeals as of right in civil matters. We welcome comments and suggestions from users of the platform. Please send your comments and suggestions by email to the office of the Court (office of the Court in Montreal: courdappelmtl@judex.qc.ca; office of the Court in Quebec City: courdappelqc@judex.qc.ca).

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