**Civil and Family Matters**

In order to have a matter ruled by the Circuit Court, the following details must be provided to the Circuit Court office 48 hours in advance via email to bredabyron@courts.ie. All existing lists stand adjourned therefore it is the responsibility of the parties to contact the CC office to have a matter listed in accordance with the rules below.

**To have a matter ruled on consent, the following must be notified to the CC office**

Record Number:

Title of proceedings:

Solicitor for Plaintiff/Applicant

Solicitor for Defendant/Respondent:

If the matter was assigned a hearing date, please state this in correspondence. Matters not yet given a hearing date that have settled can still be ruled on consent.

**Family law**

Must have:

Consent terms reduced to writing, signed and emailed to the CC office 48 hours in advance

Ensure all relevant affidavits have been filed

One side only to appear

No oral evidence will be heard (therefore no JS or Divorce rulings **cannot** take place – for now)

**Civil**

Must have:

Aside from cases where the order sought is one striking out the proceedings with costs, Consent terms must be reduced to writing, signed and emailed to the CC office 48 hours in advance. Only one side to appear

Infant rulings will be heard, unless physical injuries such as scars are required to examined by the Judge (in which case, the matter will be adjourned). All relevant affidavits must be filed in advance.

**County Registrar**

County Registrar’s Court on 25.1.2021
Callover on 26.1.2021
High Court Appeals callover on 3.2.2021

**will all be held virtually.**Links will be added to the published court lists on Courts.ie

**IMPORTANT:**

Aside from above rulings on consent, only URGENT APPICATIONS will be heard. All evidence intended to be relied on must be on Affidavit as no oral evidence can be heard at this time.

The court will sit once per week for rulings. A Judge will be made available for very urgent matters that cannot wait until the next scheduled sitting. The first available date is Thursday 14th January at 10.30am and it is intended that the Judge will sit on Thursday morning each week until the end of January at least.

**Criminal matters**

All criminal queries should be directed to susanmahon@courts.ie

Scheduled arraignments and sentencing hearings will go ahead as planned.

No trials will take place for the foreseeable. If you want to have a client who is awaiting trial arraigned, contact the office and this can be arranged. It is now possible to use the video link system to arraign clients who are in custody.

There is a list of new mentions next week (Tuesday I believe) and defendants are excused from attending. Barristers can attend this.

There is no ‘list to fix dates’ planned until March so there will be an update in advance of this.