Federal Court of Appeal



Cour d'appel fédérale

Public and media access to hearings (Amended as of June 14, 2022)

The Federal Court of Appeal expects to return to in-person hearings, beginning in September 2022, pursuant to the Court's Notice to the Parties and to the Profession dated June 14, 2022. Fully virtual and hybrid hearings will continue to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

While courtroom COVID capacity restrictions have been lifted and in-person viewing of hearings will be possible, remote viewing of hearings is still encouraged.

Remote access is available for all hearings where available technology enables it, unless the Court orders otherwise. Members of the public and media wishing to view a hearing remotely should write to Information@fca-caf.gc.ca and provide the following information in relation to the hearing that they would like to gain access to: case name, case number and hearing date. Instructions on how to join the remote hearing will be sent by email. Requests should be sent as early as possible to provide staff with enough time to send invitations.

The Court's <u>Hearing lists</u> are updated frequently to reflect all cases being heard. The Hearing lists indicate the language in which the case will be argued, the start time and the approximate length of the hearing.

The Court's <u>Guidelines on Public and Media Access</u> apply to all hearing modes, including virtual hearings. Unless the approval of the Court has been sought and granted, taking photos or screen captures during the course of the hearing is prohibited as is the broadcast or distribution of recordings of the hearing, in whole or in part.

Members of the media may direct questions to the Court's <u>media contact</u>.