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Dear Counsel,

Re: Early Civil Pretrial Conferences

Recognizing the pressing need for early judicial pretrial intervention in time-sensitive civil personal injury actions, the judges in Central West Region wish to offer assistance to counsel on cases pending in our region, by way of early pretrial conferences.

The goal is to improve access to justice to those parties involved in serious personal injury litigation. This initiative is aimed at the resolution of serious personal injury actions in which damages have largely crystallized, including those arising from fatalities, pediatric and other types of medical malpractice, as well as traumatic brain injuries.

Several of our judges are prepared to conduct these early pretrial conferences on selected cases. Pretrial conferences may be available on cases at any one of the judicial centres in Central West Region. Not all cases will qualify. As part of this effort at early judicial intervention, pretrial conferences may be scheduled on cases prior to examinations for discovery being completed.

To be considered for an early pretrial conference, counsel for the plaintiff shall submit a written request for a pretrial, with copies sent to all other parties, briefly setting out the nature of the action and why early court intervention is necessary. The requests will be assessed and counsel will be advised as to whether a pretrial conference can be offered and, if so, the times available.



Counsel who are interested in participating in this initiative shall submit their requests to my attention.

Yours very truly,

Justice Peter A. Daley
Regional Senior Judge, Central West Region

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