

## COVID-19 GUIDANCE

### HIGH COURT REVIEWS

5 JUNE 2020

- 1. Court of Appeal.** A review of Court of Appeal cases took place on Friday 1 May 2020.
- 2. High Court Family Cases.** The judge will undertake a further administrative review of High Court Family cases listed for hearing between 11 May 2020 and the end of the Trinity Term (30 June 2020). Representatives should complete and lodge form [FCI1](#) by email with the Family Office in the RCJ by **29 May 2020** ([RCJChildrenoffice@courtsni.gov.uk](mailto:RCJChildrenoffice@courtsni.gov.uk)). Where the judge determines a review hearing is required this will take place on **Monday 8 June 2020**.
- 3. Chancery Cases.** The judge will undertake a further administrative review of Chancery cases listed between **11 May and the end of the Trinity Term (30 June 2020)**. Representatives should collaboratively complete and lodge form [ChanCI1](#) by email with the Chancery Office ([chanceryoffice@courtsni.gov.uk](mailto:chanceryoffice@courtsni.gov.uk)) by **28 May 2020**. Where a party is not represented or is a litigant in person, the Chancery Office will advise them to complete and lodge form [LIPCI1](#). Where no form is received from either party the case will be adjourned for 4 weeks. Where the judge determines a review hearing is required the parties will be notified and the hearing will take place remotely. Furthermore, any urgent applications will continue to be dealt with as per the Lord Chief Justice's earlier guidance.
- 4. Judicial Review Cases.** The judge will undertake an administrative review of Judicial Review cases listed in week commencing **27 April and week commencing 4 May 2020**. Representatives should complete and lodge form [JRCI1](#) by email with the Judicial Review office ([judicialreviewoffice@courtsni.gov.uk](mailto:judicialreviewoffice@courtsni.gov.uk)) by **5 May 2020**. Where the judge determines a review hearing is required this will take place on **Tuesday 19 May 2020**.
- 5. Commercial Court.** The judge will undertake an administrative review of Commercial Court cases listed in week commencing **27 April and week commencing 4 May 2020**. Representatives should complete and lodge form [COMCI1](#) by email with the Commercial Office ([Commercialist@courtsni.gov.uk](mailto:Commercialist@courtsni.gov.uk)), by **6 May 2020**. Where the judge determines a review hearing is required this will take place on **Thursday 21 May 2020**.

6. Queen's Bench Division: The judge will undertake an administrative review of Queen's Bench Division (QBD) cases listed in weeks commencing 25 May and 1 June 2020. Representatives should collaboratively complete and lodge form [QBCI1](#) by email with the Central Office ([centraloffice@courtsni.gov.uk](mailto:centraloffice@courtsni.gov.uk)) by **11 June 2020**. Where a party is not represented or is a litigant in person, the Central Office will advise them to complete and lodge form [LIPCI1](#). Where no form is received from either party the case will be adjourned for four weeks. Reviews may result in the judiciary issuing Directions, requesting further information, listing the case for review, adjourning it or listing it for a future hearing. Where the judge determines a review or other hearing is required the parties will be notified. This process will be repeated on a two week basis to the end of Trinity Term (30 June 2020).
7. Queen's Bench Division - Masters: There is currently no automatic review list being generated for QBD Masters cases, however, individual telephone conference reviews have and will continue to take place if necessary (usually on a Wednesday) but only if it is not possible for the matter to be dealt with on paper, as detailed in the [Masters' guidance](#).

**Unrepresented parties or personal litigants should complete and submit [LIPCI1](#) to the relevant office.**