



District of Montréal
Civil Division

REQUESTS FOR NEW TRIAL DATES
For trials which were postponed in light of COVID-19
Judicial District of Montréal
(As at April 28, 2020)

Who can request a new trial date?

In all cases, technological means shall be favoured.

If you fall into one of the following categories, you may now request a new trial date in the fall session (September through December, 2020):

- In civil and tax matters, if a trial was scheduled to proceed between March 15 and May 31, 2020, **but was postponed in light of the declaration of a public health emergency;**
- If you were summoned to the March, 2020, provisional roll call;
- If a certificate of readiness for trial was issued by the court clerk after March 13, 2020.

How to request a new trial date?

In both civil and tax matters, the parties who have chosen and agreed upon 3 possible trial dates, must communicate same to the Court, in order of preference, **by using the online roll, by no later than June 1, 2020, at:** http://www.tribunaux.qc.ca/c-quebec/roles/Role_Civil.htm.

The Master of the Rolls will forward the minutes of the *mise au rôle*, containing the new trial date, to the parties, by email, within 3 days following their request.

Exceptionally, if the parties were unable to proceed online as above outlined, they must contact the court clerk, at the following email address, to explain the reasons therefor, by **no later than June 1, 2020**: Roleprovisoire-CQ@justice.gouv.qc.ca. A judge will then contact the parties, by phone, with a view to hear their representations and set a new trial date.

Will you be summoned to a general roll call?

The answer is **NO**. In light of the pandemic and the incumbent social-distancing requirements, no one will be required to attend provisional roll calls, in person, at the Montreal Courthouse, unless otherwise decided by the Public Health Authorities.

Nota Bene: New trial dates for cases, which are ready to proceed, must be set using the virtual roll, as much as possible.

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