## **Dutton Brock**

COVID-19 MEASURES March 16, 2020

To all our Clients, Colleagues and Business Partners,

We take this opportunity to inform you of the measures we are taking to address the public health concerns and business disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic, and the steps which we are taking to mitigate its effects.

Dutton Brock is being guided by and is complying with all recommendations of the public health authorities with respect to measures to limit the spread of the virus. Our first priority is the health and safety of our team members, clients and business colleagues. For the moment, our office remains open and the firm continues on site operations with reinforced sanitary measures. Where possible, those who can work off site are doing so.

Please note that, until further notice, all activities in the Ontario courts, at all levels, have been suspended by order of the Chief Justice. This means that all trials, pre trial conferences and motions are automatically adjourned. New dates will be established, after the crisis has passed. The advisability of continuing with scheduled examinations for discovery is being addressed on a case by case basis – some cancellations are inevitable. Meetings and other attendances are being conducted by telephone or video conference wherever possible and practical.

Our goal and expectation is that Dutton Brock will continue to provide quality legal services, in a timely and efficient manner, even during this difficult time. We will continue to be responsive to our clients' requirements.

We wish everyone good health as we navigate the situation. We will get through this together.

Richard Hepner and Stephen Mullings

**Managing Partners**