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### **MS Teams Links on Access to Court Materials (ACM)**

#### **Current Link Hosting Locations**

Court Services Branch currently provides a document containing all courtroom MS Teams links (called the "Live Links" document) to the Law Society, the Canadian Bar Association (BC) and Legal Aid. The Live Links document is also posted on Access to Court Materials (ACM) and on the Virtual Bail Team.

Court Services Branch will transition the posting locations for the Live Links document in February 2025 and only post those documents on Access to Court Materials (ACM) and on the Virtual Bail Team. This means that counsel will need to register to access ACM in order to access the Live Links document after February 2025.

#### **Timeline**

In order to provide enough notice for counsel to sign up and activate their Digital Credential and sign up for ACM, Court Services Branch will delay the removal of the Live Links documents from the Law Society, the Canadian Bar Association (BC) and Legal Aid until early 2025.

#### **Virtual Bail Team**

The Virtual Bail Team currently hosts both the Live Links document and the region-specific documents which also contain courtroom Teams links for Virtual Bail rooms will continue to be housed on the Virtual Bail Team. Counsel who are members of the Virtual Bail Team can continue to access the Live Links and other courtroom meeting link documents from this location.

#### **Notification**

Counsel will receive several communications about the change from a variety of sources: by direct email to all members of the Virtual Bail team; by this notice letter to the Law Society, BC Prosecution Services and Legal Aid and by posting on the Virtual Bail Team.

#### **Resources**

Resource material for how to sign up for ACM is located on the [Access to Court Materials site](#) and an updated document titled *Accessing Recurring Court MS Teams Links- Instructions for Counsel* will describe how to access courtroom links will be circulated via the notification sources listed above. The document will be circulated with this letter for posting and also posted on the Virtual Bail Team.

Thank you.

Court Services Branch