



**British Columbia Court of Appeal  
Practice Directive (Civil & Criminal)**

**Title: Court Sittings in Kamloops and Kelowna**

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The Court of Appeal has for some years scheduled sittings in Kamloops and Kelowna. For the last two years, hearings were scheduled in these communities when requested by counsel.

Because appeals are frequently of significance to the local community, the Court is of the view that appeals originating from Kamloops, Kelowna, Vernon, Penticton, and Salmon Arm will be heard at either Kamloops or Kelowna, unless the Registrar directs the appeal to be heard in Vancouver.

Parties requesting a Vancouver hearing should do so by letter to the Registrar outlining reasons that outweigh the interest of the local community in hearing the appeal. If other parties disagree, they should provide a brief letter outlining their position.

When an appeal originating in one of these locations is ready for hearing, the appellant should contact the Court Scheduler (604-660-2865) to schedule the appeal. If the parties wish to adjourn or reschedule a hearing, they should immediately notify the Court Scheduler with at least one week's notice.

Parties in other locations in British Columbia may also request a local hearing following the procedures listed above. Those hearings shall be conducted in Kamloops, Kelowna, or Prince George.

Any comments on the procedure should be addressed to the Registrar.

Chief Justice R.J. Bauman  
Court of Appeal for British Columbia

**History:**

Replaces the Civil and Criminal Practice Note titled *Court Sittings in Kamloops and Kelowna*, dated 27 June 2014, which replaced the Civil and Criminal Practice Note titled *Court Sittings in Kamloops, Kelowna and Prince George*, dated 17 April 2012, which replaced the practice note titled *Court Sittings in Kamloops, Kelowna and Prince George* dated 8 September 2010.