



COURT OF APPEAL

**British Columbia Court of Appeal
Practice Directive (Civil & Criminal)
Title: Expedited Appeals**

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The Court of Appeal wishes to reduce unnecessary delays in the hearing of appeals, especially those appeals which may delay the hearing of a trial. Without restricting the power of the Court, or a justice, to give directions for expediting an appeal at any time, the Court adopts the following protocol for expediting appeals.

Any party named in an appeal may request that an appeal be expedited. Where the request is by the consent of all parties, the party making the request shall contact the Registrar by telephone or in writing to arrange for a hearing date and, after being provided with a hearing date, shall provide the Registrar with a proposed schedule for the filing of such materials as are necessary for the hearing of the appeal.

Where the request for an expedited appeal is not by consent, the party making the request shall do so by letter directed to the Registrar, succinctly stating the following:

1. the nature of the appeal;
2. the reason for the request;
3. a list of dates for the proposed hearing and the time required; and
4. the proposed terms for expediting the hearing, including the content of and dates for filing the record, appeals books, transcripts of evidence, factums, and/or such other material as may be necessary for the proper hearing of the appeal.

The request must be copied to the other parties to the appeal who, if they are not consenting to the request, should promptly file a succinct response setting forth their position.

The Registrar shall refer the request to a justice who may make such order or give such directions as he or she considers necessary or expedient, with or without an oral hearing.

This Practice Directive does not apply to appeals regarding the international abduction of children, which is the subject of a separate Practice Directive.

The Honourable Chief Justice Finch
for the Court of Appeal of British Columbia

History:

Replaces the civil Practice Directive, *Expediting Interlocutory Appeals* (Civil Practice Directive, 19 September 2011), which replaced the Notice to the Profession titled *Expediting Interlocutory Appeals*, dated 2 February 2000.