



British Columbia Court of Appeal
Practice Directive (Civil)
Title: Publication Bans and Sealing Orders

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Cite as: *Publication Bans and Sealing Orders* (Civil Practice Directive, 18 July 2022)

The Notice of Appeal (Form 1) requires parties to advise the Court of Appeal of any publication bans or sealing orders in place in the court or tribunal below. As soon as a Notice of Appeal is filed, the appellant should write to the Registrar and provide copies of those orders and/or an explanation of their effect.

If a publication ban or sealing order applies in the Court of Appeal, the parties must indicate the existence of those orders on the cover of their appeal record, factum, appeal books, and other books filed for the purpose of the appeal.

Publication bans ordered by the court or tribunal below typically endure in the Court of Appeal. This means there is usually no need to seek a new publication ban specifically for appeal proceedings.

Sealing orders only apply to the records of the court or tribunal that issues the sealing order. If a party wishes to have materials filed in the Court of Appeal sealed, they must immediately apply to a justice in chambers for a sealing order when the materials are filed. On request or where appropriate, the Registrar may temporarily seal the file pending the outcome of the application for a sealing order.

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

History:

Replaces the Civil Practice Directive titled *Publication Bans and Sealing Orders*, dated 4 June 2018.