

**COURT OF APPEAL FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**Paper Filing**  
**Completion Instructions:**  
**Factums and Replies**

*Factums contain the written argument for an appeal.*

## 1.0 Factums and Replies

### 1.1 Types of Factums

These completion instruction checklists apply to the following court records listed below. There are corresponding word templates available for each type of factum or reply [here](#).

Title	Rule	Page Maximums: Part 1 to the end of Part 4
Appellant's Factum	25(1)	30 pages
Respondent's Factum	25(2)	30 pages
Appellant's Reply	25(3)	5 pages
Intervener's Factum	61(4)	10 pages
<b>CROSS APPEALS</b>		
Respondent's Cross Appeal Factum	29(1)	45 pages
Appellant's Cross Appeal Response Factum	29(2)	15 pages
Respondent's Cross Appeal Reply	29(3)	5 pages

### 1.2 Factum General Content Requirements

All factums require the below parts.

[Factum templates](#) have specific content requirements for each type of factum.

Requirement	Instructions	Completed
<b>Cover Page</b>	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Table of Contents</b>	Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Chronology</b>	Enter brief, point form list or table of only critical events and dates (relevant to an issue on appeal).	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Opening Statement</b>	Enter concise statement of the nature of the appeal.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Part 1: Statement of Facts</b>	<a href="#">See Factum templates</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Part 2: Errors in Judgment or Issues on Appeal</b>	<a href="#">See Factum templates</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Part 3: Argument</b>	<a href="#">See Factum templates</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Part 4: Nature of Order Sought</b>	Enter a concise statement of the nature of the order that is sought by the party preparing the factum.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>Appendices: Table of Authorities</b>	Authorities (case law, legal textbooks etc.) referred to in the factum must be listed in alphabetical order.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Appendices: Enactments</b>	The appendix is used for enactments (i.e., acts or regulations) only. No other documents may be added.	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 1.3 Document Format Requirements

These format requirements are pre-set in [factum templates](#).

Requirement	Instructions	Completed
<b>True Copies</b>	Must be an identical or true copy of the original document, whether that original is scanned from paper or saved into PDF from another program, such as Microsoft Word.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Font</b>	Arial 12 (including citations) ( <i>pre-set in template</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Line Spacing</b>	Lines spaced 1.5 lines apart ( <i>pre-set in template</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Footnotes</b>	Footnotes are not explicitly subject to the above rules; however, a factum might be rejected if footnotes present a significant advantage (e.g., they take up half the page) or are in a font which make them difficult to read. Footnotes can be single spaced.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Authorities</b>	How to cite authorities: <a href="#">Practice Directive</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Excerpts of Authorities</b>	Excerpts from an authority (case law, legal textbooks etc.) or a reproduction of an enactment (i.e., acts or regulations) indented and single spaced	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Margins</b>	No less than 2.5 cm. (1 in) ( <i>pre-set in template</i> )	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Page Numbering</b>	Pages numbered consecutively starting on cover page ( <i>pre-set in template</i> ) <i>Page maximums are based on the page count from Part 1 to the end of Part 4. (does not include cover page, table of contents, chronology, opening statement or appendices)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Paragraph numbering</b>	Paragraphs numbered consecutively starting at Part 1 Statement of Facts in factums (or after table of contents in replies) ( <i>pre-set in template</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Table of Contents</b>	Required and must be updated (see instructions in template) ( <i>pre-set in template</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**2.0 How to Use Word Templates**

Content instructions with examples and document format requirements are pre-set in the factum and reply templates available [here](#).

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<b>Step 1:</b> Saving Template	To retain pre-set document formatting “Save as” factum Word templates to your computer and enter content to your factum.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
<b>Step 2:</b> File Name	Save as: case#_factum_party’s role_name.pdf example: CA12435_factum_appellant_BC-Organization.docx CA12345_factum_respondent_Smith-John.docx	<input type="checkbox"/>														
<b>Step 3:</b> Deleting Tables	Delete template instruction tables when your document is complete.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
<b>Step 4:</b> Save As – PDF	When complete and final: “Save As” in portable document format (PDF).	<input type="checkbox"/>														
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## 3.0 Copies for Filing and Service

### 3.1 Filing Paper Court Records

In civil appeals, e-filing is mandatory for lawyers and encouraged for self-represented parties.

Court staff will approve all paper copies by applying a filing stamp at the Registry.

Filing/Service	Requirements	Completed
<b>Paper Copies</b>	You will be required to file 1 copy for each judge and 1 copy for the court, 1 copy for your records, 1 copy to be serve on each party	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Minimum Total</b>	6 copies	
<b>Electronic copy</b>	The court requires an electronic factum with filing stamp submitted to the Registry (see instructions below)	

### 3.2 Submission of Electronic Factum or Reply

The below procedures must be followed when submitting electronic factums and replies for the Court.

Requirement	Instructions	Completed
<b>Submitting Electronic Factums with Filing Stamp</b>	A paper factum or reply with registry filing stamp must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>scanned in <b>PDF</b> format and <a href="#">optical character recognized</a> (OCR) to make the factum text searchable and to enable copying and pasting from the electronic factum or reply.</li><li>*e-mailed to <a href="mailto:appealrecords@bccourts.ca">appealrecords@bccourts.ca</a> with subject line example: <b>CA12345 Smith v. Jones – appellant’s factum</b></li></ul> *Please note in body of e-mail paper copies have been filed	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Deadline</b>	The Court requires the electronic factum no more than <b>2 weeks</b> after filing the paper factums.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Factum = 1 electronic file</b>	Factums must be saved as <u>one PDF electronic file/document</u> including cover page, table of contents and appendices.	<input type="checkbox"/>

History:

Replaces Completion instructions in previous Rules and Forms and Practice Directives

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