

## **PRACTICE DIRECTIVE**

### **Five Justice Divisions**

When counsel wish to have a five-justice division convened to hear an appeal, reasons for the request shall be set out in writing, addressed to the Registrar, after the factums have been filed. Opposing counsel shall state their position on the request, also in writing, addressed to the Registrar. This should be done within a week of the original request. While the Court will always try to accommodate counsel, because of the difficulties in the allocation of judicial resources, requests for a five-justice division should be made at least two months before the scheduled hearing date of the appeal. The request will be forwarded to the Chief Justice, for consideration by the Chief Justice in consultation with the Court.

“The Honourable Chief Justice Finch”  
On behalf of the Court of Appeal for British Columbia

December 12, 2005  
September 8, 2010