



COURT OF APPEAL

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PRACTICE NOTE OBTAINING ORAL REASONS FOR JUDGMENT BC COURT OF APPEAL

The Court of Appeal judgment typist transcribes both oral Court and oral chambers reasons for judgment.

All oral Court reasons for judgment are given neutral citations and are added to the Court of Appeal judgment database on the Court's website.

Oral chambers judgments are usually not given neutral citations and are not added to the Court's website. They are placed on the court file once they have been signed.

In the past, the judgment typist automatically mailed the Court oral reasons for judgment to counsel or parties who appeared at the hearing of the appeal (those persons named on the front page of the judgment).

The oral chambers reasons for judgment have never been distributed to the parties or counsel. They are placed in the Court file after they are signed. Currently, any party may obtain a copy of the oral chambers reasons for judgment by contacting the judgment typist by telephone.

Starting 4 April 2011 the judgment typist will no longer mail out Court oral reasons for judgment. As of this date, once the oral Court reasons for judgment are signed they will be placed on the website. If counsel or a party wish to obtain a copy of the oral Court reasons for judgment, they may either obtain them from the Court's website; send an e-mail to the judgment typist office at CA-orals@courts.gov.bc.ca; or contact the judgment typist by telephone at 604-660-2729.

If counsel or a party wish to obtain a copy of the oral chambers reasons for judgment, they should contact the judgment typist at 604-660-2729 or send an e-mail to CA-Orals@courts.gov.bc.ca.

In order to obtain the correct judgment, please include in the e-mail subject line the Court of Appeal number (CA0XXXXX), a short style of cause, the date the judgment was given (July 15, 2010) and the name of the judge (Judge, JA).

Example: Subject: CA012345 *Smith v. Jones* July 15, 2010 (Judge JA)

For your information, all judgments placed on the Court's website or e-mailed to counsel do not have the judge's signature at the bottom of the last page. In order to obtain a copy of a signed oral judgment from either Court or Chambers, you must contact the judgment typist by telephone and a copy will be left at the registry front counter for pick-up.

Only parties of record may obtain the reasons for judgment at no cost. All others requesting oral reasons for judgment will pay the usual photocopying charge of \$1.00 per page.

J. L. Jordan, Registrar
4 April 2011