



COURT OF APPEAL

**British Columbia Court of Appeal  
Practice Directive (Civil & Criminal)  
Title: Five Justice Divisions**

**Issued: 3 February 2012**

**Effective: Immediately**

**Cite as: *Five Justice Divisions* (Civil & Criminal Practice Directive, 3 February 2012)**

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 five business days 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 divisions should be made at least six weeks 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Finch', written over a horizontal line.

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

History:

Replaces the civil Practice Directive titled *Five Justice Divisions*, dated 12 December 2005, amended 8 September 2010 and reissued 19 September 2011.