



COURT OF APPEAL

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

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The Court is often not apprised of the existence of civil and family publication bans ordered in the court or tribunal below. Accordingly, at the time a notice of appeal or notice of application for leave to appeal is filed, parties must advise the Registrar in writing of the existence and nature of any publication bans in place.

If a party wishes to seek an order sealing material, they must immediately apply to a justice in chambers upon filing that material. Parties should not assume that a sealing order made in a court or tribunal below will continue to apply in the Court of Appeal.

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The Honourable Chief Justice Bauman  
for the Court of Appeal for British Columbia

History:

This is a new practice directive.