



COURT OF APPEAL

British Columbia Court of Appeal

Practice Note (Criminal)

Title: Publication Bans

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The Court is becoming increasingly concerned with the accurate recording of publication bans. Two changes are necessary to address those concerns:

1. Both crown and defence should describe publication bans ordered in the Court of Appeal or by the court below that are in force at the time of filing on the front cover of their factum. The description should reference both the legislative provision (or inherent jurisdiction) that authorises the ban and the ban's precise terms; and,
2. Both crown and defence should be prepared to address the existence and nature of publication bans in force at the hearing of an appeal or in chambers.

The parties to an appeal are responsible for advising the Court of any publication bans in force. Where a publication ban is in force, factums that do not include publication bans on the front cover will be rejected by the registry.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JL Jordan'.

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History:

This is a new practice note.