**COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH FOR
SASKATCHEWAN**

GENERAL APPLICATION PRACTICE DIRECTIVE # 3

DISCRETIONARY ORDERS RESTRICTING MEDIA REPORTING OR PUBLIC ACCESS

REFERENCE: GA-PD #3

Effective: January 1, 2014

Revised: July 1, 2014
Practice Directive GA-PD #3 issued on January 1, 2014 is repealed and replaced with this revised Practice Directive GA-PD#3 issued on July 1, 2014.

Notice to Parties

1. An applicant for a discretionary order restricting media reporting of, or media or public access to a proceeding shall, at least three days before the proceeding to which the order is to apply, serve the parties to the proceeding with a Notice of Application, supporting affidavit and draft order.

Requirements of the Notice of Application

2. The Notice of Application must:
    a. State the basis for the application
    b. Set forth the grounds on which the application is made including the authority under which the order is sought, whether it is the common law discretion of the Court or a specific statutory provision; and
    c. State precisely the relief sought by the applicant, including the particular terms of the order being sought.

Notice to Media

3. An applicant for a discretionary order restricting media reporting of, or media or public access to a proceeding shall, at least three clear days before the hearing of the application, complete the electronic Notice of Application for a Publication Ban that can be found in the Resources section of the Saskatchewan Law Courts' website (www.sasklawcourts.ca).

4. Notice to the media described in paragraph 3 also applies to application to vary, vacate or set aside a discretionary order.

Standing

5. Standing to be heard on the application remains in the sole discretion of the judge hearing the application.

Interim Order

6. On prior application, with or without notice, by the person seeking the discretionary order, a judge may restrict access to and or ban publication of the information that is the subject of the application until the application is heard.

Chief Justice M.D. Popescul