



THE COURT OF APPEAL FOR SASKATCHEWAN

NOTICE

RE: Access to Family and YCJA Appeal Files via eCourt Portal

In 2013, a committee of Court of Appeal judges met with lawyers in Regina and Saskatoon for focus group sessions relating to eCourt.

Lawyers at the focus group sessions asked that electronic access to certain appeal files, such as appeal files in family law proceedings, including child protection proceedings, and in proceedings under the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* (YCJA), be expanded to the same level of electronic access available on other civil and criminal appeal files.

The Court is pleased to announce that, effective March 1, 2015, the restrictions on access to family law appeal files by parties or their lawyers via the eCourt portal have been removed. Restrictions on access to YCJA appeal files by parties or their lawyers and restrictions on access to appeal files in child protection proceedings by the Ministry of Social Services, parents of affected children or their lawyers will be removed shortly subject to the creation of automatically generated warnings to eCourt users about statutory limitations on access to or use of the documents on these files. Access to child protection appeal files by other parties (persons of sufficient interest) will be determined by the Registrar on a case by case basis.

Please note that there has been no change to who may access appeal files via the eCourt portal – counsel and self-represented litigants may only access their own appeal files and members of the public are not able to access court records via the eCourt portal.

If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact the undersigned.

March 2, 2015

Melanie A. Baldwin
Registrar