



COURT OF KING'S BENCH FOR  
SASKATCHEWAN

## **GENERAL APPLICATION PRACTICE DIRECTIVE #3**

### **DISCRETIONARY ORDERS RESTRICTING MEDIA REPORTING OR PUBLIC ACCESS**

**REFERENCE: GA-PD #3**

**Effective:** July 1, 2013

**Revised:** July 1, 2014; November 1, 2023

#### **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](http://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  
Court of King's Bench for Saskatchewan