



PROVINCIAL COURT
OF SASKATCHEWAN

CRIMINAL PRACTICE DIRECTIVE 6

DISCRETIONARY ORDERS RESTRICTING MEDIA REPORTING OR PUBLIC ACCESS

Effective: October 1, 2026

Purpose

This Practice Directive outlines the process for applying for a discretionary order restricting media reporting of, or public access to, proceedings in the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan.

Application

This Practice Directive applies to all Provincial Court locations where such discretionary orders may be sought under applicable law.

Directives

1. Any applicant seeking a discretionary order restricting media reporting or public access must, at least five (5) clear days prior to the hearing:
 - 1.1 Complete the electronic [*Discretionary Publication Ban Application*](#) available on the Saskatchewan Law Courts website;
2. The Courts' Communication Officer shall ensure that subscribing media outlets are notified of the application and shall advise the applicant once notification is complete.
3. A copy of the completed *Notice of Application for a Publication Ban* must be served on all parties to the proceeding at least five (5) clear days before the hearing.
4. The *Notice of Application for a Publication Ban* must be filed with the Court at least five (5) clear days before the hearing date.
5. The same procedure set out in this Practice Directive also applies to applications seeking to vary, vacate, or set aside existing discretionary orders.
6. Standing to make submissions on the application rests solely within the discretion of the judge hearing the matter.
7. On application, with or without notice, a judge may issue an interim discretionary order restricting access or publication until the application is heard and decided.

8. This Practice Directive does not apply to a discretionary publication ban that may be imposed under s. 517(1) of the *Criminal Code*.

Related Practice Directives

Practice Directive 5 – Filing of Court Document