



Policy of the Provincial Court of British Columbia

Policy History:

Approved by: Governance Committee

History of Revisions:

- Reformats but does not change content of Section 2 and Section 4 “Policies Regarding Public and Media Access in the Provincial Court of British Columbia” February 2011, updated October 2011, and November 2012.
- April 2014: Item 4.2, “Chief Judge” replaces “Court”.
- May 2014: Item 4.4 added.
- December 2017: reference revised to refer to current BC Supreme Court Practice Directive “Video Recording or Broadcasting of Court Proceedings”.
- April 2019: change to contact information.
- October 23, 2019: deleted Item 3.8 and revised Items 3.1 and 9.1.
- October 15, 2020: adds new section 2.4 on access to virtual hearings with consequential updates to “Purpose of Policy” and the preamble under “Policy”; and adds reference to Notice to Accredited Media Access to Provincial Court Proceedings during COVID-19 in section 4.1.
- February 09, 2021 revisions: updates s. 1.6 consequential to revised NP 21; adds express prohibition on unauthorized publishing, etc. of court proceedings in s. 6.1 and penalties for breaching in s. 6.5; and housekeeping changes.
- June 16, 2021 revisions: clarifies sections 2.4, 5, and 6, and housekeeping changes.
- July 15, 2021 revisions: updates s. 1.6 consequential to revised NP 21 and housekeeping changes.
- November 09, 2021 revisions: Added “sharing, making available” to s. 1.6, 6 and 6.1, as well as other housekeeping changes.
- April 11, 2022 revisions: changes consequential to rescission of NP 22 and other housekeeping changes.
- May 11, 2022 revisions: adds reference to “audio recording” to section 5.3.
- July 18, 2022: housekeeping changes.
- June 8, 2023: section 1.2 “appeals court registry” replaced with “Court registry where the file originates”; section 1.4 added; other sections revised to replace “observing” with “hearing”.