

History of Notice to the Profession and Public

- Original Notice to the Profession and Public effective on May 07, 2020.
- Amended Notice to the Profession and Public effective on July 13, 2020 (housekeeping amendments consequential to NP 19 COVID 19: Resumption of Court Operations – July 13, 2020).
- Amended Notice to the Profession and Public effective on July 29, 2020 (revised section on how to address counsel and parties).
- Amended Notice to the Profession and Public effective October 07, 2020 (adds “Media and the Public” section under “Virtual Proceeding Etiquette”; housekeeping changes, including references to “remote” changed to “virtual”).
- Amended Notice to the Profession and Public effective December 16, 2020 (revised section I(1)(e) on how to address counsel and parties consequential to NP 24 Form of Address for Parties and Lawyers).
- Amended Notice to the Profession and Public effective February 09, 2021 (adds no photography or screenshots of virtual proceedings to ss. I.1.a. and II.b.; adds ss. I.1.b. and II.c. regarding no publishing etc. of virtual proceedings; adds cross-references to Access to Court Proceedings Policy; updates s. I.1.j. regarding time limits; and housekeeping changes).
- July 2, 2021: Changes title from “Guide to Virtual Proceedings” adds s. I.1.a. requiring counsel to use cameras for videoconference proceedings and encouraging self-represented parties, witnesses, and other court participants to do the same; clarifies for counsel manner of dress and location requirements for appearance in housekeeping changes.
- July 15, 2021: Changes title from “Virtual Proceedings in the Provincial Court”: adds definitions of “virtual(ly)” and “remote(ly)” under Purpose, reference to attending virtual or in-person court proceedings remotely, “Inappropriate profiles or background images must not be used” (s. I.1.b. s. I.1.i re enabling landscape mode when using a Smartphone, and no smoking or vaping to s. 1.2.i.
- November 30, 2021: Words “sharing, making available” added to sections I.2.b and II.c; “Neutral backgrounds can be especially important when there are security concerns for a party or witness” added to s. I.1.b; and housekeeping changes.
- January 19, 2022: Removed Appendix A “[Guide for Appearing in the Provincial Court via Microsoft Teams](#)” as [that is now a stand-alone document](#).

By Direction of Chief Judge Melissa Gillespie
Provincial Court of British Columbia