

NOVA SCOTIA COURT OF APPEAL - CAMERAS IN THE COURT

The Application Process

The media must make a formal legal application in writing to the Appeal Court for permission to film or photograph on a case by case basis. The process will be governed by the provisions in the Rules and Guidelines, but here is a summary of how it will work:

1. The application is a Court application. The media outlet requesting permission to film or photograph (the “media intervenor”) must prepare a formal notice (an **Application to Permit Coverage**); a draft **Order** for the Court to sign (which sets out the action requested - generally permission to televise a specific case); and an **Affidavit** (which sets out the reasons for the request, gives the Court evidence that arrangements have been made for pooling coverage, that the media intervenor has read and will abide by the Guidelines etc.). The Affidavit can be sworn by the Registrar of the Court of Appeal.
2. Three copies of each application (including supporting documents) must be filed with the Registrar of the Court of Appeal (address: The Law Courts, 2nd Floor, 1815 Upper Water Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 1S7) at least **14 days** before the day scheduled for the hearing of the appeal. For example, if a case is scheduled for the 17th of a month, the Registrar must have the media’s application **in hand** no later than the 3rd of the month.
3. Court date stamped copies of all documents filed with the court as set out at item 2 above are to be either delivered personally to the parties on the appeal or delivered by fax transmission where the consent of the parties was obtained in advance to use this method of transmission, no less than 14 days prior to the hearing of the appeal. Where the parties are represented by counsel the documentation should be transmitted as set out above to counsel rather than to the parties themselves.
4. If none of the parties object to coverage, the Order may be granted by the Court without a hearing.
5. If there is an objection by any of the parties, the objecting party must file a Notice of Objection with the Court and must either deliver personally to the parties on the appeal and the media applicant or deliver by fax transmission, where the consent of the parties and/or media applicant was obtained in advance to use this method of transmission, court date stamped copies of the Notice of Objection within two clear days (this excludes weekends and holidays) of the filing of the Notice of Application to Permit Coverage.
6. The Notice of Objection will include a date for a hearing at Appeal Court Chambers before an Appeal Court Judge. The media intervenor must attend that hearing, and will be asked to speak to its application then. The Judge will determine whether to permit coverage after hearing from all sides.

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