



THE PROVINCIAL COURT
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Effective date: *29 January 2024*

SM CL 04

PRACTICE DIRECTION

***INTIMATE IMAGES PROTECTION ACT* PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

Purpose

To clarify procedural requirements for matters under the *Intimate Images Protection Act*.

Application

This practice direction applies to all Provincial Court locations in the Province.

Directions

1. Unless a judge otherwise orders or directs, a claimant under the *Intimate Images Protection Act* must:
 - a. indicate on their Notice of Claim that the claim is pursuant to the *Intimate Images Protection Act*; and,
 - b. file at least two business days before the date of a hearing in Provincial Court information about whether there is any protection order or publication ban made by the Civil Resolution Tribunal or the Supreme Court of British Columbia in relation to the subject matter of the claim.
2. Parties must also read and comply with [SM CL 03 Affidavits & Exhibits and Documents For Settlement Conferences For Use in Small Claims Proceedings](#)

History of Practice Direction

- Original practice direction dated January 29, 2024.

I make this practice direction pursuant to my authority under the Provincial Court Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 379, and the Small Claims Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 430.

Melissa Gillespie
Chief Judge
Provincial Court of British Columbia