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## Court of Appeal

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#### Electronic Copies of Factums and Appeal Books

The Court of Appeal currently requires parties to provide four paper copies of factums, appeal books, and transcripts in most civil and criminal cases. In addition, the parties must provide a CD containing an electronic copy of the transcript.

Four paper copies of the appeal book and factum mean one copy for each of three judges and one copy for the registry. The single registry copy must thus serve as both the official court record and the working copy for Court staff. These roles can be difficult to reconcile in practice.

The Court is considering issuing a practice directive requesting that counsel provide an electronic copy of their appeal books and factums. An electronic copy would, the Court anticipates, be cheaper and easier for counsel to provide than a fifth paper copy. It would also allow easier searching, copying, and editing. This proposal is consistent with the practise adopted in many of the other appellate courts in the country.

We invite members of the bar to communicate any concerns or suggestions to the Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal ([kathyblake@supreme.court.nl.ca](mailto:kathyblake@supreme.court.nl.ca) / 729-0801).