

Release of decisions to the media

In the interest of developing a consistent manner in which Appeal and Supreme Court decisions are released to the media, and to ensure the media have sufficient time to meet publishing deadlines, a protocol for the release of these decisions is outlined below.

This protocol provides for the release of the judgment to the parties in advance of the release to the media and applies to the release of **all reserved** Appeal and Supreme Court decisions.

Protocol for release of Appeal and Supreme Court judgments to the media

1. The day **PRIOR** to the release of the decision, the judge's judicial assistant will telephone the parties to the action and inform them that the judgment will be released to them the next morning. During the telephone call, the judge's judicial assistant will set up a time when counsel (or authorised representative) will be available to receive the decision (between 8:30 -10:00 a.m. the following day).
2. No details will be provided regarding the content of the decision and counsel are to be informed that the judgement will be released to the media at 1:00 p.m. the following day.
3. As well, a copy of the judgment will be e-mailed at 1:00 p.m. to the various publishers, the Barristers' library and the Judges library.