SUPREME COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

Practice Memorandum No. 13

Intimate Images and Cyber-Protection

Alternate Resolution

- 1. A small number of complaints under the 2013 *Cyber-Safety Act* went to court. Most were resolved with the help of the CyberSCAN unit at the Department of Justice. We can expect the same with the 2017 *Intimate Images and Cyber-protection Act*.
- 2. A person who wishes to start a proceeding in court under this statute should contact CyberSCAN if they have not already done so. They can be reached at https://cyberscan.novascotia.ca/ or (855) 702-8324.

Main Subjects of the 2017 Act

3. The Act permits proceedings to be started for orders of the court against unlawful electronic distribution of intimate images, against cyber-bullying, for information that may help identify the source of the distribution or cyber-bullying, or for taking down or disabling a source. The court also has power to provide other orders that are just and reasonable. See s. 5 and 6 of *Intimate Images and Cyber-protection Act*.

Applicant as Named Party

- 4. An applicant who is an adult must be identified by name. The adult may make a motion to the court for a declaration that s. 9 to the Act applies and for the approval of a pseudonym. A motion of that kind must be made with notice to the other parties and to the press, unless the court orders otherwise. Notice can be given to the press through http://www.courts.ns.ca/Publication_Ban_Notice/pubbanform.htm.
- 5. See s. 9 of the Act and Rule 85 Access to Court Records. (There are constitutional limits on how far the court can go with confidentiality orders.)
- 6. The Act provides an automatic publication ban for minors. See, s. 8. Also, the application may be made by a child's parent or guardian.
- 7. Subsection 5(2) requires the court to identify the child by pseudonym. An applicant who is a child, and who wishes to go by a pseudonym in the documents that start the proceeding, may deliver a letter to the prothonotary giving the child's true name, proof of age, suggested

pseudonym, address, other contact information, and a proposed method of receiving notice. A judge may direct the use of the pseudonym in the application and how other parties are to give notice to the child.

8. The prothonotary will keep the letter separate from public records, unless a judge directs otherwise.

Respondent as Named Party

- 9. The Act requires the applicant to name certain respondents. In summary, they are:
 - the alleged distributor or distributors of an intimate image or the alleged cyber-bully,
 - the owner of an electronic device identified as having been used for the distribution or cyber-bullying,
 - the person in control of an internet protocol address used for these purpose,
 - the person responsible for a website, user name, or e-mail address so used,
 - the parent or guardian of any of the above who is a minor,
 - any other person against whom an order is sought, which would include persons from whom the applicant seeks information identifying a source or against whom the applicant requests an order to take down or disable a source,
 - others as the court directs.

See, s. 5.

Respondents who are Under age

- 10. Section 8 of the Act also protects minor respondents. There is the same publication ban, and the same requirement that the court use a pseudonym.
- 11. A child who is, or is to be, a respondent, and who wishes to go by a pseudonym in the court documents may deliver a letter to the prothonotary requesting that all court documents, or all future court documents, refer to the child by a pseudonym.
- 12. The letter must give proof of age, the child's true name, the suggested pseudonym, address, other contact information, and a proposed method of receiving notice. A judge may direct the use of the pseudonym in future, redaction of the child's true name from present court documents, and how other parties are to give notice to the child.

13. The prothonotary will keep the letter separate from public records, unless a judge directs otherwise.

Use of Regular Chambers

- 14. The judges accept that these applications are to be scheduled by the applicant for regular chambers, notwithstanding Rule 5.05(1). The applicant must take reasonable steps to select a time convenient for each respondent: Rule 5.05(5).
- 15. The chambers judge will either hear the application there and then, or give directions for preparation for a hearing and set a date. A judge who is satisfied there is an emergency will try to find time for a quick hearing. If evidence supports it, the judge may grant an interim order under s. 6(5) of the Act or Rule 41 Interlocutory Injunction and Receivership. The interim order will be in place until the hearing or such other time as the court orders.

Forms

- 16. Attached are forms for
 - Intimate Images Application
 - Cyber-bullying Application
 - Production or Take-down Application
 - Affidavit of Service
 - Motion to Extend, Vary, or Terminate
 - Affidavit
 - Notice of Contest
 - Order.

These forms were developed with the assistance of the provincial Department of Justice and the Registry of Regulations. They are to assist applicants and respondents who act on their own. Lawyers are free to use these forms, follow *Civil Procedure Rules* Part 22 - Forms, or use their own precedents.

Adopted by the court on June 22, 2018.

Joseph P. Kennedy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

Intimate Images Application

20					No.
		Supreme C	Court of Nova	a Scotia	
Betwe	en:				
					Applicant
			and		
					Respondent
					Respondents [delete one]
		Notice of App	plication in (Chambers	
Го:		[n	ame of respon	ndent or nam	es of respondents]
The nar		involved in this proceed			on likely to identify the <i>Cyber-protection Act</i> , s. 8.
The cou	ırt must ident	ify a minor involved in	this proceedi	ng by a pseu	donym. See, s. 8.
Reques	sts for other j	oublication ban			
	[optional:	requests for applicant w	vho is not a m	ninor; delete i	if not applicable]
The app	olicant reques	ts that			
		ablish or broadcast the applicant. See, <i>Intimate</i>		_	<u> </u>
	the court ide	ntify the applicant by a	n pseudonym.	See, s. 9(2).	
		an order against you ying to a judge in cham	nbers for a cy	ber-protectio	n order
		[selec	t all that appl	y]	
1. 🗆	declaring the	at an image is an intima	ate image;		
2. 🗆	prohibiting :	you from distributing th	ne intimate im	nage;	

3. □	prohibiting you from contact with the applicant or [name of other person];
4. □	requiring you to take down or disable access to the intimate image;
5. □	requiring you to pay damages to the person depicted in the intimate image and account for profits;
6. 🗆	referring the matter to dispute-resolution services provided by CyberSCAN or otherwise;
7. □ 8. □	requiring you to pay costs of the proceeding;
	[give specifics of other order that is just and reasonable]
The approthon	olicant started this application by filing this notice on the date certified by the otary.
	ds for order olicant is applying for the order on the following grounds:
	[select all that apply]
1a. □	the applicant is an individual whose intimate image was distributed without consent,
	or
1b. □	the applicant is a parent or guardian of an individual under the age of nineteen years whose intimate image was distributed without consent;
2. □	the distribution of the intimate image is not in the public interest;
3. □	the respondent [name] distributed the intimate image without consent;
4. □	the respondent [name] is a parent or guardian of an individual under the age of nineteen years who distributed the intimate image without consent;
5. 🗆	the respondent [name] is the owner of the electronic device, a person who has been assigned or has control over the use of the Internet Protocol address or the user or person responsible for the website, user name or account, electronic-mail address or other unique identifier, used to distribute the intimate image without consent;
6. □	the respondent [name] is a parent or guardian of an individual under the age of nineteen who is the owner the electronic device, a person who has

been assigned or has control over the use of the Internet Protocol address or the user or person responsible for the website, user name or account, electronic-mail address or other unique identifier, used to distribute the intimate image without consent.

The applicant brings this application under the *Intimate Images and Cyber-protection Act*, s. 5.

Evidence supporting application The applicant offers the following affidavits in support of the application:	
☐ affidavit of [name]	[sworn/affirmed]
affidavit of [name] on [date] and filed with this notice	
☐ affidavit of [name]	[sworn/affirmed]
on [date] and filed with this notice	
A copy of each affidavit is to be delivered to you with this notice, and furth delivered before the deadlines provided in Civil Procedure Rule 5 - Applic	•
You may participate	
You may file with the court a notice of contest, and any affidavits that you	will rely on, no more
than five days after this notice is delivered to you or you are otherwise noti	<u> </u>
Filing the notice of contest entitles you to notice of further steps in the app notice of further affidavits.	lication, including
Time, date, and place The application is to be heard by the judge in chambers at 9:30 a.m. on	
[month/day], 20 in the [Courthouse/Law C	courts],
[street address],	[city, town, or
municipality], Nova Scotia. You have the right to be present, and to be report of act on your own. If you are not present, the judge may proceed without	=
Possible order against you	
The judge may grant a final order on the application without further notice	•
deliver your notice of contest on time, or if you or your counsel fail to appe	ear in chambers at the
above time, date, and place.	
Filing and delivering documents	
Any documents you file with the court must be filed at the office of the pro [Courthouse/Law Courts] at	
[street address], Nova Scotia (telephone 902	

When you file a document you must immediately deliver a copy of it to the applicant and each other party entitled to notice, unless the document is part of an *ex parte* motion, the parties agree delivery is not required, or a judge orders it is not required.

Contact information	
The applicant designates the following address:	
Documents delivered to this address are considered information is available from the prothonotary.	received by the applicant. Further contact
Signature Signed[month/day], 20	_
	Signature of applicant Print name:
	OR
	Signature of counsel
	[name] as counsel for
	[name of applicant]
Prothonotary's certificate I certify that this notice of application was filed with 20	h the Court on
	Prothonotary

Cyber-bullying Application

20		No.
	Supreme Court of Nova Scotia	
Betwe	een:	
		Applicant
	and	
		Respondent or
		Respondents [delete one]
	Notice of Application in Chambers	
Го:	[name of respondent or na	ames of respondents]
The co	must not be published or broadcast. See, <i>Intimate Images an</i> ourt must identify a minor involved in this proceeding by a psecant requests an order against you oplicant is applying to a judge in chambers for a cyber-protection.	seudonym. See, s. 8.
	[select all that apply]	
1. 🗆	declaring that a communication is cyber-bullying;	
2. 🗆	prohibiting you from making communications that would be	oe cyber-bullying;
3. □	prohibiting you from contact with the applicant or of other person];	[name
4. 🗆	requiring you to take down or disable access to the commu bullying;	nication that is cyber-
5. □	requiring you to pay damages to the victim of cyber-bullyi	ng and account for profits;
6. □	referring the matter to dispute-resolution services provided otherwise;	l by CyberSCAN or

7. □	requiring you to pay costs of the proceeding;				
8. □					
	[give specifics of other order that is just and reasonable]				
The app	licant started this application by filing this notice on the date certified by the otary.				
	ls for order licant is applying for the order on the following grounds:				
	[select all that apply]				
1a. □	the applicant is a victim of cyber-bullying				
	or				
1b. □	the applicant is a parent or guardian of an individual under the age of nineteen who is a victim of cyber-bullying;				
2. □	the communication is not in the public interest;				
3. □	the respondent [name] engaged in cyber-bullying;				
4. □	the respondent [name] is a parent or guardian of an individual under the age of nineteen who engaged in cyber-bullying;				
5. □	the respondent [name] is the owner of the electronic device, a person who has been assigned or has control over the use of the Internet Protocol address or the user or person responsible for the website, user name or account, electronic-mail address or other unique identifier, used for cyber-bullying;				
6. □	6. ☐ the respondent [name] is a parent or guardian of an individual under the age of nineteen who is the owner the electronic device, a person who has been assigned or has control over the use of the Internet Protocol address or the user or person responsible for the website, user name or account, electronic-mail address or other unique identifier, used for cyber-bullying				
The applicant brings this application under the <i>Intimate Images and Cyber-protection Act</i> , s. 5.					
	ce supporting application licant offers the following affidavits in support of the application:				
□ affic	☐ affidavit of [name] [sworn/affirmed]				
on	[date] and filed with this notice				

☐ affidavit of	[name]	[sworn/affirmed]
on	[name] [date] and filed with this notice	
± •	is to be delivered to you with this notice llines provided in Civil Procedure Rule	<u>•</u>
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You may participate	unt a nation of contact and any offidavi	to that you will paly on no man
•	urt a notice of contest, and any affidaviduotice is delivered to you or you are other	•
	st entitles you to notice of further steps	
notice of further affidavit	= -	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Time, date, and place		
	neard by the judge in chambers at 9:30 a	.m. on
[month/day], 20 in t	the [Courthon	use/Law Courts],
	the[Courthou[street address],	[city, town, or
municipality], Nova Scot	ia. You have the right to be present, and	d to be represented by counsel,
or to act on your own. If y	you are not present, the judge may proce	eed without you.
Possible order against y	ou	
	nal order on the application without furt	ther notice to you if you fail to
deliver your notice of cor	ntest on time, or if you or your counsel f	fail to appear in chambers at the
above time, date, and place	ce.	
Filing and delivering do	ocuments	
9	with the court must be filed at the office	e of the prothonotary, at the
	Courthouse/Law Courts] at	
	otia (telephone 902).	
When you file a documer	nt you must immediately deliver a copy	of it to the applicant and each
•	tice, unless the document is part of an e.	11
	or a judge orders it is not required.	
Contact information		
The applicant designates	the following address:	
	his address are considered received by	the applicant Eugher contact
information is available f	his address are considered received by from the prothonotary.	me appneam. Purmer comact
Signature		
Signed	[month/day], 20	

	Signature of applicant Print name:
	OR
	Signature of counsel
	[name] as counsel for
	[name of applicant]
Prothonotary's certificate I certify that this notice of application was filed with	the court on,
20	
-	Prothonotary

Production or Take-down Application

20		No.
	Supreme Court of Nova Scotia	
Betwe	reen:	
		_ Applicant
	and	
		_ Respondent
		or Respondents [delete one]
	Notice of Application in Chambers	
To:	[name of respondent or names of	respondents]
The na minor, The co	natic publication ban ame of a minor involved in this proceeding, and other information like ame not be published or broadcast. See, <i>Intimate Images and Cyber</i> ourt must identify a minor involved in this proceeding by a pseudonyr ests for other publication ban	-protection Act, s. 8.
	[delete if not applicable]	
The ap	oplicant requests that	
	no person publish or broadcast the applicant's name or any information identify the applicant. See, <i>Intimate Images and Cyber-protection</i> A	=
	the court identify the applicant by a pseudonym. See, s. 9(2).	
	cant requests an order against you oplicant is applying to a judge in chambers for a cyber-protection order.	er
	[select all that apply]	
1. 🗆	requiring you to provide to the applicant any information in your pomay help identify a person who may have used an internet protocol	

	website, electronic user name or account, electronic-mail address or other unique identifier that may have been used to distribute an intimate image without consent or for cyber-bullying;		
2. 🗆	requiring you to take down or disable access to an intimate image or cyber-bullying communication;		
3. □	requiring you to pay costs of the proceeding;		
4. □			
	[give specifics of other order that is just and reasonable]		
The ap	plicant started this application by filing this notice on the date certified by the notary.		
	nds for order oplicant is applying for the order on the following grounds: [select all that apply]		
1. 🗆	the applicant is an individual whose intimate image was distributed without consent;		
2. 🗆	the applicant is a victim of cyber-bullying;		
3. □	the applicant is a parent or guardian of an individual under the age of nineteen whose intimate image was distributed without consent;		
4. 🗆	the applicant is a parent or guardian of an individual under the age of nineteen who is a victim of cyber-bullying.		
The ap	plicant brings this application under the <i>Intimate Images and Cyber-protection Act</i> , s. 5.		
	nce supporting application plicant offers the following affidavits in support of the application:		
□ aff	[idavit of [name] [sworn/affirmed] [date] and filed with this notice		
□ aff	[sworn/affirmed] [sworn/affirmed] [sworn/affirmed] [sworn/affirmed]		

A copy of each affidavit is to be delivered to you with this notice, and further affidavits may be delivered before the deadlines provided in Civil Procedure Rule 5 - Application.

You may participate

You may file with the court a notice of contest, and any affidavits that you will rely on, no more than five days after this notice is delivered to you or you are otherwise notified of the application.

Filing the notice of contest entitles you to notice of further steps in the application, including notice of further affidavits.

Time, date, and place				
The application is to be he	eard by the judge in cham	ibers at 9:30 a.m. on		
[month/day], 20 in the	e	[Courthouse/Law Courts],		
	[street address],	be present, and to be represe	[city, town, or	
municipality], Nova Scoti	a. You have the right to	be present, and to be represe	ented by counsel,	
or to act on your own. If y	you are not present, the ju	dge may proceed without ye	ou.	
Possible order against yo	ou			
	test on time, or if you or y	n without further notice to y your counsel fail to appear in		
Filing and delivering do	cuments			
Any documents you file w	ith the court must be file	d at the office of the protho		
[street address], Nova Sco	tia (telephone 902).		
<u> </u>	ce, unless the document	leliver a copy of it to the applis part of an <i>ex parte</i> motion equired.	•	
Contact information The applicant designates t				
	nis address are considered	I received by the applicant.	Further contact	
Signature Signed	[month/day] 20			
51511cu	[monun'aay], 20_			
		Signature of applicant		
		Print name:		
		OR		

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	Signature of counsel	
	Signature of counser	
	[name]	
	as counsel for	
	[name of applicant]	
Prothonotary's certificate		
I certify that this notice of application was filed w	vith the court on	,
20		
		Prothonotary

Affidavit of Service

20				No).
	S	upreme Cou	ırt of Nova Scoti	a	
Between:					
_					Applicant
			and		
-					Respondent or Respondents [delete one]
	Aff	ïdavit of Ser	vice for Applica	ion	
I,		[name of p	erson who served	l], of	
[community],			_ make oath and	say that/affirm that	I did, on
deliver a certified cope affidavit is attached, to an affidavit of order, The delivery took placto whom delivery was	y of a notice ogether with the control of a notice of	e of application other document [other], to be because	on, the same as the nents bearing the name] sworn on [community]	same heading, nam , 2 [name of po . I knew the person	which this ely a copy of $0_{_}$, a draft erson served].
				[state how identi	ified person].
[Sworn to/Affirmed] bon	, 20))))			
Signature of A Print name: Official Capacity:	uthority			Signature	of Witness

Affidavit of Service

Note for Applicants Acting on Their Own

A person who is named as a respondent must be notified of the proceeding as soon as possible. The deadline for regular chambers is ten days before the hearing.

The person is notified by handing him or her a copy of the notice of application certified by the court and exact copies of the supporting materials, such as affidavits.

You cannot make the delivery yourself. You need a literate person who is not a party to do it. See Rule 31.04(1).

There are solutions to almost all procedural problems, such as when a respondent cannot be identified or found and when the deadline for service causes serious harm. You need to consult the *Nova Scotia Civil Procedure Rules*, which can be found online at http://www.courts.ns.ca/Civil_Procedure_Rules/cpr_home.htm, or get advice.

The person who makes the delivery for you has to swear an affidavit and you have to file it. The notice of application is an exhibit to the affidavit of service. The other documents referred to in the affidavit are not to be attached.

Motion to Extend, Vary or, Terminate Cyber-protection Order

20		No.
	Supreme Court of Nova Scotia	
Betwe	een:	
		Applicant
	and	
		Respondent
		or Respondents
		[delete one]
	Notice of Motion	
То:	[name of other party or parties]	
Motior		
[annlic	[name of person making motion], the ant/respondent] in this proceeding, moves for an order to	
Гаррис	and respondent in this proceeding, moves for an order to	
	[select all that apply]	
1. 🗆	extend a cyber-protection order granted on [date];	
2. 🗆	vary a cyber-protection order granted on [date];	
3. □	terminate a cyber-protection order granted on [date].	
	and place	
The mo	otion is to be heard by a judge on [month/day], 2	0, at 9:30
a.m. in	the [Courthouse/Law Courts] at	
Nova S	the [Courthouse/Law Courts] at [city, town cotia. The moving party has set the motion for hearing in a half-hour or leaves.]	or municipality],
The mo	oving party says that the motion will not require more time.	os in chambers.

References

The moving party relies on the following legislation, rules, or points of law:

Intimate Images and Cyber-protection Act, subsection 6(6).

Evidence			
The evidence in support of t	he motion is as follows	s:	
☐ affidavit of	[name	e]	[sworn/affirmed]
on	[date] and filed w	vith this notice	
□ affidavit of on	[name	.]	[sworn/affirmed]
on	[date] and filed w	vith this notice	
Possible order against you			
You may file an affidavit an whether the proposed order without further notice to you	should be made. If you	_	· -
Signature			
Signed	[month/day], 20_		
		Signature of moving	g party
		Print name:	
		OR	
		Signature of counse	1
		[name]	
		as counsel for	
		[name of moving pa	rtyj

Affidavit 20

20			No.
		Supreme Court of Nova Scotia	
Be	tween:		
			Applicant
		and	
			Respondent or
			Respondents [delete one]
Affi	davit of	[name] [choose one: sworn/affirmed] on _	[date]
I		[name] [choose one: make oath/affirm] and give evi	dence as follows:
1.		[name], the [standard or a party].	state relationship
2.		nal knowledge of the evidence [sw vit, except where otherwise stated to be based on information	
3.		s affidavit, the source of any information that is not based or and I state my belief of the source.	n my own persona
		the facts, do not state any opinion, plea, view, or submission numbered paragraphs]	n. Use concise
4.			
5.			
6.			

[Sworn to/Affirmed] before me)	
on, 20)	
at)	
)	
)	
Signature of Authority) Signature of:	
Print name:)	
Official capacity:)	

Notice of Contest 20		No.
20	Commence Comment of Normal Constitution	NO.
	Supreme Court of Nova Scotia	
Between:		
		Applicant
	and	
		Respondent
		or
		Respondents [delete one]
	Notice of Contest (Chambers Application)	
To:	[name of applicant]	
Your application in The respondent,	is contested [name] contests your ap	plication.
	mits the facts stated in your grounds numbered: [state num the notice of application]	
	nies the rest of your statement of grounds, but may admit nformation: [describe]	
Grounds of contest	st s that your application should be	[dismissed/allowed
	f] because:	

[Briefly state the respondent's grounds in point form; include material facts and references to legislation and points of law; do not state evidence or provide argument.]

Evidence of respondent			
The respondent offers the following	owing evidence:		
☐ affidavit of	[name]	l	[sworn/affirmed]
affidavit of on			
□ affidavit of on	[name]		[sworn/affirmed]
on	[date]		
Contact information The respondent designates the			
Documents delivered to this a Further contact information is		•	oondent on delivery.
Signature			
Signed	[month/day], 20		
		Signature of respo	ndent
		Print name:	
		OR	
		Signature of couns	sel
		[name]	
		as counsel for the	respondent [name]

Order to Extend, Vary or, Terminate a Cyber-protection Order

20			No.
		Supreme Court of Nov	a Scotia
Be	tween:		
			Applicant
		and	
			Respondent
			Pagnandants
		Order	
Befo	ore the Honourab	le Justice	in chambers
On 1	the motion of	[name of moving par	ty], the following is ordered:
		[delete all that do not a	apply]
1.	The cyber-prot	ection order granted on	[date] is terminated.
2.	•	ection order granted on [date].	[date] is extended to
3.	The cyber-prot [describe varia		[date] is varied as follows:
Issu	ed	[month/day], 20	
			Prothonotary