



THE SUPREME COURT OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
COURT OF APPEAL

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PRACTICE NOTE

It is a practice in some provincial Courts of Appeal for counsel to submit a joint Book of Authorities. It is suggested that this practice be adopted here, at least on a trial basis.

It will be up to opposing counsel to decide whether to submit a joint Book of Authorities in a particular case. The suggested procedure is that counsel for the appellant at the time that the appellant's factum is filed provide to counsel for the respondent a sufficient number of copies of the authorities for binding and indexing. In such a case, the appellant's authority should probably have tab numbers against each case and a preliminary index. The respondent's counsel would attach the respondent's authorities with the appropriate tab numbers, prepare the final index and have the same bound and filed.

This practice could be followed in both civil and criminal cases.

It is noted that in some provinces, in addition to the Book of Authorities, counsel sometimes file a Book of Excerpts containing excerpts from the authorities, the exhibits and the other evidence to which counsel may wish to bring special attention. A Book of Excerpts, if filed, would be in addition to and not in substitution for a Book of Authorities.

Some counsel might wish to adopt this practice on a trial basis also.