

New *Criminal Appeal Rules* to Be Released November 1, 2021

New *Criminal Appeal Rules* for all criminal matters at the Court of Appeal for Ontario will come into force on November 1, 2021. On that day, the current [*Criminal Appeal Rules, SI/93-169, 1993 Canada Gazette, Part II*](#), will be revoked.

In general, the new Rules will apply to all criminal matters at the Court of Appeal for Ontario whether commenced before or after November 1, 2021.

The new *Criminal Appeal Rules* may be reviewed at www.ontariocourts.ca/coa/files/rules-forms/criminal-rules-en.pdf.

Please note:

1. Due to the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, the provisions of the new *Criminal Appeal Rules* that are inconsistent with the [Consolidated Practice Direction Regarding Proceedings in the Court of Appeal During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) do not apply unless otherwise ordered by the court or a judge of the court. In particular, Rule 10 (“Manner of Hearing”) and its associated Form 6 (“Notice of Objection to Proposed Manner of Hearing”) do not apply unless otherwise ordered by the court or a judge of the court.
2. The [Practice Direction Concerning Criminal Appeals at the Court of Appeal for Ontario](#) is currently under revision. It continues to apply, except to the extent that: (i) it is inconsistent with the new *Criminal Appeal Rules*; or (ii) it is varied by the [Consolidated Practice Direction Regarding Proceedings in the Court of Appeal During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).