

Attorney says Telemedia enforcement order is a formality | Channel5Belize.com

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So why is the government keeping Dean Boyce out of Telemedia after conceding to defeat to Friday evening? It's all based on a technicality. Lengthy judgments, such the one hundred and forty-nine page decision, are usually accompanied by an additional document, stating clearly the winner and loser in the case. That order is prepared by the attorneys, signed off and filed in court, but since it was missing from Friday's judgment, GOB is saying there is no formal order from the court. But according to Attorney Eamon Courtenay, the order is only a formality and the ruling is immediately

effective. He says it's a minor kink that will be ironed out soon, even though government attorney, Lois Young, left the country on Sunday.

Eamon Courtenay, Attorney

"So in addition to the judgment you have the formal order. Now, Belizeans should not be fooled. Mr. Barrow knows that once a judgment is handed down, it takes immediate effect. The formality of getting that order is that, a formality. So they are saying "Oh, you don't have the order and therefore there is no order from the Court of Appeal. They know that that is not true. What they have done is to use that technicality to go in, as I said, at midnight on Friday and we have already been made to understand some of what has been done and why it has been done and why it was necessary to do it with security forces. So that technicality is going to be cleared up and we are going to see whether that technicality having been cleared, whether the security forces of this country under the direction of the government will still maintain unlawful possession of that company."

William Neal

"How quickly will that technicality be turned over by the courts?"

Eamon Courtenay

"Well, we had to chase Miss Lois Young all over the place to find her and eventually she was given the draft order. She took it and we understand that she left the country on Sunday and that she has left it with her office and that it will be handed over to the—we're waiting to get it back from the government."

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