

INTRODUCTION

The Supreme Court of Yukon is pleased to deliver the *Rules of Court* pursuant to s. 38 of the *Judicature Act*, R.S.Y. 2002, c. 128.

The *Rules of Court* are effective September 15, 2008.

In the past, the court has followed the *Rules of Court* of the Supreme Court of British Columbia. However, those Rules do not always fit the Yukon context and the practice has evolved to issue Practice Directions to make changes or adjustments.

In 2005, the court decided to create *Rules of Court* specifically for the Supreme Court of Yukon using the current British Columbia *Rules of Court* as a guide. Thus, these *Rules of Court* are similar to the British Columbia *Rules of Court*, although with some significant changes. For example, we have done away with the Writ of Summons and added some new concepts like mandatory case management and appearance days. We have also included the family law rules including rules governing divorce matters. This is not a comprehensive list of changes.

The court is indebted to the members of the Rules Committee who have worked diligently to revise the *Rules of Court*. They are: Justice L.F. Gower; Debra Fendrick; Grant Macdonald; Penelope Gawn; Gary Whittle; Debbie Hoffman; Kathy Kinchen; Edwige Graham and Sue Christianson.

I take responsibility for any errors. I encourage users of the *Rules of Court* to bring errors to the attention of the Rules Committee which shall continue to make changes to the Rules as circumstances require. It is proposed that amendments will be made in January and July each year, if necessary.

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