

IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF YUKON

PRACTICE DIRECTION #25

*Use of Recording Devices and
Electronic Equipment During Court Proceedings*

Anyone bringing a device capable of making audio- or video-recordings into a court proceeding must ensure that its audio- and video-recording functions are switched off or inactive. Counsel, parties or media representatives who wish to record proceedings must make an application to the presiding judge.

With the exception of counsel and accredited media, no real-time communication is permitted from any courtroom in which proceedings are taking place. Any communication by media must be consistent with their journalistic responsibilities and in compliance with any publication bans.

For further clarity, counsel and accredited media are permitted to use devices, such as smartphones and laptop and tablet computers, inside the courtroom for the purposes of making notes and/or transmitting digital information about the proceedings, including tweeting and blogging, provided that these devices are not used to make an audio- or video- record of the proceedings.

The use of electronic devices by counsel and accredited media must be discreet and not interfere with court business. Any use remains subject to the direction of the presiding judge.

Cell phones in the courtroom must be turned off or set to mute or vibrate.

Journalists employed by L'Aurore boréale, APTN, CBC, CHON-FM, CKRW, Whitehorse Star and Yukon News are automatically accredited. Other journalists may apply in writing to the Court by filing an application with the Court registry.

Chief Judge M. Cozens

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