

SUPREME COURT OF YUKON

PRACTICE DIRECTION
GENERAL-11

*Use of Electronic Equipment During
Court Proceedings*

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

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.

This Practice Direction applies to virtual attendance at hearings. There shall be no recordings made of any proceeding where individuals are participating virtually in any capacity, including as observers (i.e. Zoom, Skype, videoconference, teleconference etc.).

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 in the form attached as Appendix A with the Court Registry.

Duncan C.J.
April 8, 2021

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Between

Plaintiff/ Petitioner/Crown

And

Defendant/ Respondent/Accused

APPLICATION TO USE ELECTRONIC DEVICE DURING COURT PROCEEDINGS

Nature of proceeding: _____

Date and time of proceeding: _____

Location of proceeding: _____

Applicant’s name, media affiliation, and contact information:

Nature and proposed use of electronic device (e.g. tablet computer for blogging)

Date

Applicant’s signature

 Request Approved

Request Denied

Judge/Justice

Date