



IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF YUKON

PRACTICE DIRECTION
TECH-2

*Use of Electronic Equipment During
Court Proceedings*

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

Except as provided for by this Practice Direction, 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.

Audio-recording by counsel and accredited media

Counsel and accredited media may make an audio-recording of proceedings for note-taking purposes only, provided that the presiding judge is advised in advance of recording.

Real-time communication from courtroom

With the exception of counsel, accredited media, and justice stakeholder agencies, no real-time communication is permitted from any courtroom in which proceedings are taking place.

People working on behalf of justice stakeholder agencies are permitted to use electronic devices for real-time communication for work purposes.

Counsel and accredited media are permitted to use devices for the purposes of making notes and/or transmitting digital information about the proceedings, including tweeting and blogging. Any communication by media must be consistent with their journalistic responsibilities and in compliance with any publication bans.

The use of electronic devices 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.).

Chief Judge M. Cozens
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