

SUPREME COURT OF YUKON

PRACTICE DIRECTION
FAMILY-8
CIVIL-3
CRIMINAL-6

*Chambers – Family, Criminal
and Civil Schedule*

Chambers will be held every Tuesday on which there is a judge available. On weeks when Monday is a holiday, Chambers will not be held.

Family Chambers shall be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Criminal Chambers shall be held from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Civil Chambers shall be held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Appearance Day and Mandatory Case Managements shall be held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (see Practice Directions CIVIL-2/FAMILY-4 and CIVIL-10)

Out-of-town counsel or parties may appear by phone or video conference. Video conference is preferred. The Clerk of the Supreme Court must be provided in advance of the appearance, a telephone number where they can be reached. For video appearances the Trial Coordinator shall be advised of the request and will seek approval from the presiding judge. Once approved counsel shall provide the Court Technologist by email with the name and email address for the individual(s) who will be appearing by video. (See Practice Direction GENERAL-24)

Family and civil matters

Consent adjournments shall be spoken to first, then consent orders, and finally contested matters.

No later than 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Monday, the applicant shall contact the Clerk to confirm the status of their matter. If no one contacts the Clerk about their matter by 2:00 p.m., it shall be struck from the list.

An applicant setting down a matter for Chambers shall indicate on the notice of application whether the matter is of a time-consuming or contentious nature, as well as their best estimate of the time required for the hearing of the application.

Any matters likely to exceed thirty (30) minutes for all parties shall be set down at a time outside regular Chambers.

A party or their counsel may be asked to confirm in Chambers if their matter is likely to exceed thirty (30) minutes in total for argument. If so, the matter will be rescheduled as above. If not, the parties or their counsel shall be restricted to their anticipated time.

Criminal matters

Parties or their counsel who have trial dates to be fixed will be expected to appear in Chambers at 1:00 p.m. to speak to the list with the Trial Coordinator. The judge may require a pre-trial conference before fixing the trial date.

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Duncan C.J.
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