

## SUPREME COURT OF YUKON

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PRACTICE DIRECTION  
GENERAL-13

*Neutral Citation of Judgments*

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Canadian cases shall be cited by their neutral citation, if one is assigned. Additional citations are not required. If a neutral citation is not available, a citation may be made to a published or an online reporter. Citations proprietary to Quicklaw, Westlaw or CanLii may only be used if there is no neutral citation or reporter available. CanLii should be used, before Quicklaw or Westlaw, unless it is not available.

Neutral citations include the following elements:

- A style of cause (e.g. *Smith v Jones*);
- A year (e.g., 2012);
- The name of the court in a condensed format that refers to that court uniquely (e.g., YKSC);
- A number (which will be assigned sequentially as judgments are released).

The neutral citation for *Smith v Jones* would appear as *Smith v Jones*, 2012 YKSC 3.

The filing of duplicate cases should be avoided. Whenever possible, parties should file joint books of authority (see Practice Direction General 7 – Casebooks and Frequently Cited Authorities).

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