

SUPREME COURT OF YUKON

PRACTICE DIRECTION
CRIMINAL-11

*Filing and Review of
Victim Impact and Community Impact Statements*

All victim impact and community impact statements to be considered by the judge in a sentencing hearing shall be filed at the Court Registry in a sealed envelope.

The statements will not be opened or distributed to counsel or the judge until after a finding of guilt has been made.

Best efforts shall be made to file the statements in advance of the sentencing hearing to allow sufficient time to address any issue of admissibility. Within 48 hours of receiving the victim impact and/or community impact statement, or as soon as possible before the sentencing hearing, Crown and Defence counsel shall provide copies of the statement(s) to the Trial Co-ordinator's office by email with any concerns about content highlighted in yellow. Counsel shall also indicate whether or not they are in agreement with the highlighted concerns.

The judge will decide before the victim impact statement or community impact statement is admitted and/or read into the court record whether any content will be removed.

Duncan C.J.
March 22, 2024