

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF YUKON

Judicial Appointment Assessment Criteria

Judicial Council assesses each candidate on the following criteria:

- A member of the Law Society of Yukon, or qualified to be a member of the Law Society of Yukon
- A minimum of 10 years in the practice of law or other equivalent experience satisfactory to the Judicial Council
- Demonstrated sensitivity to Yukon First Nations' and Indigenous peoples' interests
- Experience working with Indigenous communities
- Experience living and working in northern communities
- Commitment to improving the delivery of judicial services in Yukon
- Legal reputation, including:
 - (a) review of professional record from the Law Society
 - (b) reference from the Canadian Bar Association and judges or decision makers before whom the applicant has appeared
 - (c) reputation among professional peers
- Experience in criminal, child protection, civil, or other areas of law
- Willingness to learn and demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional education
- Knowledge of, and sensitivity to, current dilemmas and issues facing courts and judiciary
- Other professional competence and experience:
 - Scholarship and intellectual ability
 - Analytical and writing skills
 - Ability to listen
 - Ability to maintain an open mind while hearing all sides of an argument
 - Ability to make decisions
 - Capacity to exercise sound judgment
 - Area(s) of professional specialization, specialized experience or special skills
 - Ability to manage time and workload without supervision
 - Capacity to handle heavy workloads
 - Capacity to handle stress and the pressure of isolation of the judicial role
 - Interpersonal skills – with peers, staff and the general public

- Personal suitability including:
 - (a) even temperament
 - (b) fairness
 - (d) common sense
 - (e) compassion for and understanding of those coming before the Territorial Court
 - (f) maturity, life experience and wisdom
- Respect in the community
- Record of community service

**A preference will apply for qualified Canadian Indigenous persons, with a priority for members or citizens of a Yukon First Nation.

**Judicial Council recognizes the need to have a Territorial Court that is demographically representative of the community it serves.