

SUPREME COURT OF YUKON

PRACTICE DIRECTION
FAMILY-8
CIVIL-3
CRIMINAL-6

*Tuesday Chambers – Family, Criminal and
Civil Schedule and Mode of Appearance*

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)

In person appearances are preferred for Chambers' matters. Counsel or parties who live out-of-town may appear by video conference. Counsel or the parties shall make the request for video conference appearance by email to both the court technologist at court-technologies@yukoncourts.ca and to the Clerk of the Supreme Court at SupremeCourt@yukon.ca. The email shall include the date and time of the Chambers' appearance, the style of cause, the file number and the name and email address of the individual(s) who will be appearing by video. The court technologist will send a link for the video appearance to that email address (see Practice Direction GENERAL-24).

Appearances by telephone are not preferred. Access by telephone may be used as a last resort only if a video appearance is not possible. The same process described above shall be followed for a request to appear by telephone and the court technologist will send a link for the telephone access.

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 Monday before Chambers, the applicant shall contact the Clerk of the Supreme Court to confirm the status of their matter. If the applicant does not contact 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 hearing 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 will require a pre-trial conference before fixing the date.

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Duncan C.J.
October 17, 2025