

SUPREME COURT OF YUKON

PRACTICE DIRECTION
GENERAL-13

Citation of Judgments

Canadian cases shall be cited by their neutral citation, if one is assigned. When using a neutral citation, a parallel citation is not required.

Neutral citations include the following elements:

- Case name (e.g. *Smith v Jones*)
- The year of the decision (e.g., 2012)
- The acronym for the jurisdiction and level of court (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.

If a neutral citation is not available and a CanLII citation is available, then both a CanLII citation and a parallel citation are required. Any parallel citation is acceptable, but preference should be given to official reporters.

If neither a neutral citation nor a CanLII citation is available, then two reporters are required, one as the main citation and the other as a parallel citation.

Further guidance about citing case law can be found in the [Canadian Open Access Legal Citation Guide](#).

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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