



IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF YUKON

PRACTICE DIRECTION
TECH-4

*Attendance as Observer
by Video or Audio*

The Court can arrange for an individual to observe court proceedings through a video connection or by audio-conference rather than in person, subject to any order from the presiding judge that excludes the public or witnesses from the courtroom. An appearance in this manner must be approved in advance by the presiding judge.

A request to attend as an observer through a video connection or by audio-conference should be made to Crown counsel, a Victim Services worker, a Crown Witness Coordinator, defence counsel or Indigenous Court Worker, who will file a Notice of Application, in the form attached to this Practice Direction, and draft order, in the form attached to this Practice Direction, with the Court Registry. A copy of these documents shall be provided to all other parties.

In accordance with Practice Direction TECH-3 (*Requesting Special Equipment for Court Proceedings*), the requesting party shall confirm with the Court Technologist that the request can be accommodated prior to seeking a court order, including a desk order. Once a court order is obtained it shall be provided to the Court Technologist in compliance with the timelines set out in Practice Direction TECH-3.

Attendance will be subject to the terms of the attached Order for Observer Attendance by Video or Audioconference, which may be varied as required for specific circumstances, including, in the case of desk orders, a clause confirming that the Court Technologist can facilitate the request.

Chief Judge M. Cozens
January 31, 2023