



## IN THE TERRITORIAL COURT OF YUKON

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PRACTICE DIRECTION  
CP-13

*Oaths and Affirmations*

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Before a witness for a party is called to give evidence, the party or counsel must advise the court clerk whether that witness prefers to swear an oath or affirm.

Witnesses preferring to swear an oath may do so in relation to the Bible, or any item of spiritual significance or religious text other than the Bible that the witness declares to be sufficient to bind his or her conscience, and as permitted by the presiding judge. It is the responsibility of the party calling the witness or their counsel to make arrangements for the appropriate item or religious text to be available. Bibles are present in every courtroom.

If any special arrangements are required with respect to the item or religious text, counsel must advise the Supervisor, Court Clerks at least two clear days before the trial or hearing date. The Supervisor, Court Clerks can be reached at 667-3429 or at [clerkssupervisor@gov.yk.ca](mailto:clerkssupervisor@gov.yk.ca). If the special arrangements cannot be easily accommodated, the Supervisor, Court Clerks will refer the matter to the presiding judge.

Chief Judge K. Ruddy  
April 6, 2018