



The Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM CHAMBERS LIST

Rule 392 deals with the manner of withdrawing applications from the Chambers list for a regularly scheduled Chambers date (at present, Friday of each week).

The Court has again received representations from the Bar as to the two-day filing requirement contained in Sub-Rule 392(2). It is pointed out that the Rule was enacted at a time when regular Chambers was on Monday and any withdrawal had to be filed the previous Friday.

The Court finds some merit in the submissions and makes the following changes with the objective of a more efficient use of a) the time allocated for regular Chambers applications and b) human resources (i.e., judges, Court staff, counsel and litigants).

Effective immediately and until further notice, the operation of Sub-Rule 392(2) is suspended. In lieu thereof, the Clerk will accept for filing a notice of withdrawal in accordance with the following direction:

"A notice of withdrawal may be filed up to 4:00 p.m. on the day preceding the regularly scheduled Chambers date, and may be filed in person or by sending it to the Clerk by telecopier."

The Court will monitor the efficacy of this change for a period of months and will then consider whether a formal amendment to Rule 392 is appropriate.

Please note that this Notice supersedes, in part, Clerk's Practice Directive #6 issued November 19, 1996.

ISSUED this 23rd day of June 1997 by direction of the judges of the Supreme Court.

Justice J.E. Richard
Justice J.Z. Vertes
Justice V.A. Schuler