



TERRITORIAL COURT

TERRITORIAL COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

INTERIM POLICY

USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THE COURTROOM

Application

- 1) This policy applies to:
 - a) All courtrooms used exclusively by the Territorial Court; and
 - b) All other places in which Territorial Court sits, during those periods when it is used as a Territorial Court courtroom.

Prohibitions that apply to the General Public

- 2) The use of devices such as video cameras, still cameras, audio recording devices, cell-phones, smart-phones, laptop computers, tablet computers, or anything else of a similar nature, is prohibited. Except as otherwise provided in this policy, all such devices must be turned off while they are in the courtroom.

Use of Electronic Devices by Lawyers, Justice Professionals, Members of the Media

- 3) Subject to Item 4, electronic devices such as laptop computers, tablet computers, smart-phones, or other similar devices, may be used in the courtroom by:
 - a) Lawyers and lawyer's assistants, including but not limited to Court Workers and Victim Assistants;
 - b) Justice personnel such as clerks, sheriffs, court reporters, police officers and probation officers; or
 - c) Members of recognized media organizations who have entered into a signed undertaking to not use electronic devices in contravention of this policy

provided that:

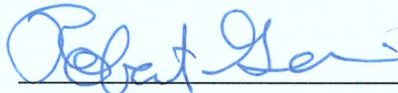
- i. Use of the electronic device is limited to carrying out the individual's professional duties;
- ii. The electronic device is used in a non-disruptive manner consistent with the dignity and solemnity of the proceedings;
- iii. The device's transmitting and receiving features are turned off or otherwise disabled;

- iv. Emails and texts are not to be sent or received;
- v. There is no electronic broadcasting in any manner whatsoever from the courtroom;
- vi. Audio output is turned off or otherwise disabled (silent mode is on);
- vii. Headphones or ear-buds are not used;
- viii. The device is not used to take photographs;
- ix. The device is not used as a video-recorder; and
- x. The device is not used as an audio-recorder.

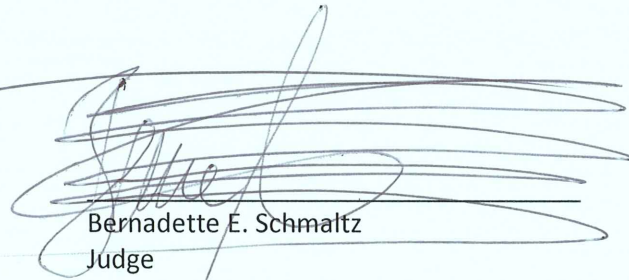
Exception

- 4) The presiding judge may choose to deviate from this policy as the circumstances require in any manner he or she deems appropriate.

Dated this 23 day of July, 2012.



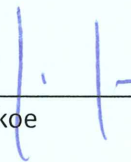
Robert D. Gorin
Chief Judge



Bernadette E. Schmaltz
Judge



Christine Gagnon
Judge



Garth E. Malakoe
Judge