



**The Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories**

To: Members of the Northwest Territories Bar

May 8, 1997

**CLERK'S PRACTICE DIRECTIVE NO. 8**

**TRANSCRIPTS OF PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES**

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Effective June 30, 1997 the automatic production of transcripts of preliminary inquiries will cease. In the future a transcript will only be prepared upon receipt of the written request from Crown prosecutor, defence counsel, or the Court.

In order to avoid delays associated with the production of transcripts, we will direct that whenever counsel – Crown or defence – decide that, from that counsel's perspective, a transcript is necessary, that the transcript be ordered on a timely basis, e.g., within 45 days of the committal for trial.

Pursuant to the Fees and Allowanced Regulations, the party who orders a transcript is required to pay for the cost of preparation of the original transcript which is placed on the Court file, plus the cost of any copies ordered.

Clerk of the Supreme Court