



The Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

NOTICES, DIRECTIVES & DIRECTIONS

In the past, practice directions were issued by the court from time to time. All practice directions issued prior to April 1, 1996, have however been superseded and replaced by the revised Rules of Court. Therefore counsel should not rely on any directions issued prior to that date.

The revised Rules provide that the court, or the clerk at the direction of the court, may issue directions or determine procedure. Henceforth, the court will issue three types of "directions":

- (1) A "Notice to the Profession" which will usually consist of guidelines as to how the judges of the court will normally approach certain practice issues. These will be issued as advice to the bar and counsel will be expected to follow them.
- (2) A "Clerk's Practice Directive" which will consist of procedural points regarding interpretation and application of the Rules of Court. These will be issued by the clerk, on the direction of the court, and counsel will be expected to comply with them.
- (3) A "Practice Direction" which will be issued by the court to set procedures not presently covered by the Rules of Court. These Directions will be in addition to the Rules and treated in like manner as the Rules.

ISSUED this 10th day of July, 1996, and issued by direction of the judges of the Supreme Court.

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