



## SUPREME COURT OF YUKON

### NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

**February 28, 2023**

#### **Endorsements**

A written decision with extensive reasons is not always required from the Court. In some cases, a briefer judgment will be preferable. It allows the parties to receive their decision more quickly and allows the court file to progress more efficiently.

A written or oral endorsement is an alternative to a lengthier judgment. It provides a concise and required explanation for the result.

The presiding judge may proceed by endorsement in the appropriate case in their discretion, ensuring the requirement for sufficient reasons is satisfied.

The main difference between an endorsement and extensive reasons for decision is the endorsement contains only the bare bones of the decision.

An endorsement may be drafted on the bench or in chambers after argument has concluded and then delivered in court before court adjourns. Alternatively, an endorsement may be reserved for a short time and released in writing; however, it is not intended to be a lengthy reserve.

The endorsement may be handwritten or typed on an endorsement sheet, but is not required to be in this form. In each case, the clerk will add the written endorsement to the court record. Where a judge delivers an endorsement orally in court, a copy of the written endorsement will be provided on request. Where a judge delivers the endorsement in writing at a later date, the court will send a copy to the parties or counsel by electronic mail. A sample endorsement sheet is attached.

  
Chief Justice S.M. Duncan

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

### SUPREME COURT OF YUKON

**BETWEEN:**

**Plaintiff/Petitioner/Applicant  
Appellant/Respondent**

and

**Defendant/Respondent  
Appellant/Respondent**

#### ENDORSEMENT SHEET

SITTING DATE(S) \_\_\_\_\_ JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNSEL _____ _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> Present
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#### ENDORSEMENT

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

J.

CLERK \_\_\_\_\_

Copies of this Endorsement Sheet have been sent to counsel/parties on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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