

## **Government Law Libraries in the Northwest Territories**

The NWT Court Library system is the territorial legal resource centre, and administers the main library in Yellowknife as well as the judges' libraries. The library began in 1955 with the Magistrate's Library (Supreme Court) and a full set of the English Reports. The NWT Court Library serves the judiciary, NWT Bar, the Department of Justice, other government departments, and the public. The Court Librarian is responsible for library operations.

### **M.M. de Weertd Law Library**

Located on the first floor of the Courthouse in Yellowknife, the M.M. de Weertd Law Library maintains primary and secondary legal materials and has one public access computer. The English Reports relegated to the basement, the library was downsized in 2009 to one third of the original space and the collection houses only the main text collection, reference, NWT legislation, and the historical NWT judgments. Services include access to print and electronic sources, referencing, and interlibrary loans. The lawyers have 24/7 access to the library. You can access the catalogue and NWT decisions on the Internet at <http://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/CourtLibrary/library.shtml>.

### **NWT Judgments**

The Court Library is responsible for the NWT Judgments which are uploaded to the Department of Justice's website at <http://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/index.shtml> and are sent to the legal publishers.

### **Funding**

The NWT Court Library System is funded by the Department of Justice, the NWT Law Foundation and the Law Society of the Northwest Territories. The library is housed in the NWT Courthouse free of charge.

### **Staffing**

The Library employs one librarian.

### **Judges' Libraries**

We have two small judges' libraries in the Courthouse. The Supreme Court Judges' Library is located in the Supreme Court Judges' chambers and the Territorial Court library is located in the Territorial Court boardroom. Both libraries are maintained by the NWT Court Library while the court's administrative staff provides filing services.

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