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YUKON GOVERNMENT APPOINTS TERRITORIAL COURT JUDGE

WHITEHORSE – The Yukon government announced today the appointment of Michael Cozens as the third judge of the Territorial Court of Yukon.

“Our government is pleased to appoint this highly qualified person to the Territorial Court,” Justice Minister Marian Horne said.

Judge Cozens graduated from Dalhousie Law School in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1992. Since 2003, he was a crown prosecutor with the Federal Prosecution Service in Whitehorse. Prior to working as a crown prosecutor, he practiced law with a Whitehorse firm in a diverse practice, including family and civil law.

“Judge Cozens brings a strong work ethic and has a well-rounded background and range of experience that will serve the Territorial Court well,” Horne added.

Mr. Cozens was the successful candidate in a selection process set out in the *Territorial Court Act*. The Judicial Council seeks potential candidates and submits this list to the Minister of Justice. The Judicial Council is made up of representatives from the Yukon Supreme Court, the Territorial Court, First Nations, lawyers, and lay people.

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(Attached biography and photo)

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