

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH

RE: WEARING OF GOWNS IN COURT

At a recent meeting of the Bench, the following policy with respect to the wearing of gowns in the Court of Queen's Bench was adopted.

I would ask counsel appearing before the Court to take note of when they are required to wear gowns.

General Division

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| Civil and Criminal Trials (jury and non-jury) | Gown |
| Summary Conviction Appeals | Gown |
| Small Claim Appeals | Gown |
| Motions Court (civil and criminal; contested or uncontested) | No Gown |
| Chambers, including pre-trials, case conferences and JADRs | No Gown |
| Bail | No Gown |

Family Division

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| Trials | Gown |
| Uncontested divorces (see*) | Gown* |
| Motions, pre-trials and case conferences | No Gown |

*In cases where the uncontested divorce follows immediately from a resolution arising as a result of a pre-trial settlement proceeding, whether a case management or pre-trial, and the judge hearing the matter proceeds to an immediate uncontested divorce, the wearing of a gown

may be dispensed with; similarly, while on circuit where the uncontested divorce hearing occurs as part of a list of unrelated matters which would render it inconvenient for proceedings to be adjourned. If, on the other hand, the uncontested divorce is part of a list of such matters, then a gown will be required.

If counsel are unsure, they may speak to the clerk who will obtain instructions from the presiding judge.

ISSUED BY:

Original signed by
The Honourable Marc M. Monnin
Chief Justice
Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba

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