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**Style of Address of Justices of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland
Court of Appeal**

Purpose

As has been the case with federally appointed judges in many of the courts of the country, the justices of the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland have been considering the desirability of providing for a change in the style of address of justices. While acknowledging the historical basis for the current practice of using “My Lord” and “My Lady” or “Your Lordship” and “Your Ladyship”, and its value in maintaining appropriate decorum in court, the majority of justices would, nevertheless, prefer to be addressed as “Justice” or “Mr. Justice” or “Madam Justice” or “Chief Justice”, as the particular circumstance may require.

Practice Note

Justices of the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland may, in the future, be addressed as “Justice” or “Mr. Justice” or “Madam Justice” or “Chief Justice” as the case may be, although the former practice may still be followed by those counsel, parties or witnesses who prefer to do so. However, the former practice ought not to be used in circumstances where the Justice is not acting in an official capacity.

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