



**SUPREME COURT OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR,
TRIAL DIVISION**

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

Court Attire

The following Notice to the Profession outlines the appropriate attire for counsel when conducting business, including proceedings conducted by way of video, before a judge of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, Trial Division. **This Notice replaces the Notice issued on May 1, 2013.**

When Gowning Required

1. Counsel must gown for the following:
 - i. All criminal proceedings, i.e., trials, applications, bail hearings, applications for prerogative writs;
 - ii. Summary conviction appeal hearings; and
 - iii. All other matters where direct oral evidence is anticipated, e.g., civil and family trials, child protection proceedings, divorce proceedings.

When Chambers Attire Required

2. Chambers attire is required for applications and appearances in court where no witness is to be called for direct examination. This includes case management appearances in family matters.

NOTE: This requirement will **not** be relaxed during the summer term.

Chambers attire comprises: a black barrister's waistcoat or black blazer and vest, court tie, white shirt, grey striped trousers/skirt, and black dress shoes.

When Business Attire Required

3. Traditional business attire is required for any conference held outside a courtroom, e.g., settlement conference, pre-trial conference (criminal or civil), or other conference.

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Accommodation for pregnancy

4. Where counsel cannot comply with the attire requirements because of a pregnancy, counsel need not strictly adhere to paragraphs 1-3. Any alternative attire adopted should be dark in color and in keeping with the spirit of this Notice and Court decorum. Counsel may, before the opening of Court, advise the clerk that they are in modified attire in accordance with the Notice to the Profession.

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