



NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

TO: Members of the Legal Profession

FROM: Marc Noël, Chief Justice

DATE: February 14, 2020

RE: Gowning

This Notice to the Profession hereby repeals the Notice to the Profession on Gowning, dated April 24, 2017.

General

Unless otherwise directed, counsel are required to gown for all appeals and judicial reviews before the Federal Court of Appeal. Business attire may be worn when appearing on motions other than contempt of Court motions or motions which proceed before a three judge panel.

Exemptions

Counsel who appear before the Federal Court of Appeal may modify their traditional court attire in order to accommodate a pregnancy, medical condition or disability. Alternative attire should however be dark and in keeping with Court decorum. Counsel are asked to inform the Judicial Administrator of the Federal Court of Appeal no later than the day before their court appearance of the extent to which they intend to change their attire, in accordance with this Notice.

“Marc Noël”

Chief Justice
Federal Court of Appeal