

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF MANITOBA

RE: COURT ATTIRE

At a recent meeting of the Bench, the following policy with respect to the wearing of formal court attire in the Court of Queen's Bench was adopted. **This notice replaces a notice issued June 25, 2004.**

I would ask counsel appearing before the Court to take note of when they are required to wear formal court attire. Formal court attire (Gown) includes a gown, waistcoat, shirt, and tabs.

General Division

Civil and Criminal Trials (jury and non-jury)	Gown
Summary Conviction Appeals	Gown
Small Claims 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

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

Counsel may depart from strict attire requirements to the extent necessary by reason of maternity. Modified courtroom attire should be dark in colour and in keeping with the spirit of this notice and court decorum. Counsel may, before the opening of court, advise the court clerk orally, or by note, that they are in modified court attire in accordance with this Notice to the Profession.

**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 Joyal, C.J."

**The Honourable Glenn D. Joyal
Chief Justice
Court of Queen's Bench (Manitoba)**

DATE: February 10, 2017