



## The Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories

### PRACTICE DIRECTION

#### ROBING

1. All justices, counsel and Court clerks will gown for the following matters:
  - a. all trials, whether criminal or civil,
  - b. Special Chambers (civil) whenever *viva voce* evidence is to be presented,
  - c. all criminal Chambers matters regardless of whether the accused is present or *viva voce* evidence is presented.

The presiding judge may direct otherwise in individual cases.

2. Robes need not be worn for the following matters:
  - a. regular civil Chambers,
  - b. Special Chambers (civil) when no *viva voce* evidence is to be presented,
  - c. pre-trial conferences, case management conferences, mini-trials, and other meetings with the judiciary in Judges' Chambers,
  - d. speaking to the criminal list.

On these occasions, justices, counsel and Court staff will dress appropriately to reflect the dignity and professionalism of the proceedings whether in the Courtroom or in Judges' Chambers. (Exigent circumstances may require relaxation of this policy.)

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Justice J.E. Richard

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Justice J.Z. Vertes

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Justice V.A. Schuler