



CANADA

COURT OF APPEAL FOR THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES  
COUR D'APPEL DES TERRITOIRES DU NORD-OUEST

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION OF THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**

### **GOWNING**

1. Lawyers are required to gown when appearing before a panel of justices at in-person and electronic appeal hearings, panel applications and bar admissions.
2. Lawyers are not required to gown when appearing before a single appeal judge or at the Sentence Speak to List, Unscheduled Civil Appeals List or Criminal Speak to List.
3. Where gowning is required, counsel with personal circumstances, such as pregnancy, a medical condition or a disability, are free to modify their traditional court attire to accommodate their personal circumstances as they see fit, including dispensing with a waistcoat and tabs. Modified attire must be dark in colour and in keeping with Court decorum.
4. Counsel who plan to wear modified attire are requested to advise the Registrar or the Deputy Registrar in advance of the court appearance to ensure they do not need to discuss their personal circumstances or modified attire on record or in open court. Alternatively, they may inform the clerk who is on duty before the commencement of the proceedings.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C.A. Fraser'.

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Catherine A. Fraser  
Chief Justice of the  
Court of Appeal of the Northwest Territories