



THE SUPREME COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
LA COUR SUPRÊME DES TERRITOIRES DU NORD-OUEST

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.
 - d. any sitting held pursuant to the *Protection Against Family Violence Act*.

The presiding judge may direct otherwise in individual cases.

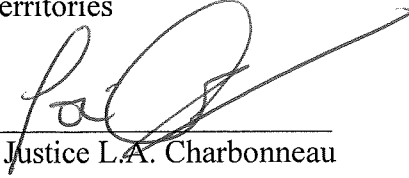
2. Robes need not be worn for the following matters:
 - a. regular civil Chambers,
 - b. Special Chambers (civil) when no *viva voce* evidence is to be presented,
 - c. pre-trial conferences, case management conferences, mini-trials, and other meetings with the judiciary in Judges' Chambers,
 - d. speaking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

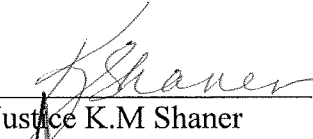
Counsel who are pregnant may modify their traditional court attire to the extent required to accommodate their pregnancy and may dispense with wearing a waistcoat and tabs. Modifications shall be in keeping with the spirit of this Practice Direction and court decorum. Counsel may inform the court registry of the intention to modify court attire in advance of the court appearance, or may inform the clerk who is on duty before the commencement of the proceedings.

This Practice Direction replaces the Practice Direction issued February 6th, 2017.


Issued this 2nd day of August 2017 by direction of the judges of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories



Justice L.A. Charbonneau



Justice K.M. Shaner



Justice S.H. Smallwood



Justice A.M. Mahar