



## Court Attire Policy

### *Purpose*

This policy aims to ensure barristers appear before the court in attire that meets the Court's expectations. The dress of barristers appearing before the court should be unobtrusive and compatible with the wearing of wigs and robes. Clothing worn as a requirement or emblem of faith is permitted to be worn in court.

### *Application*

This policy applies to:

- Barristers appearing in proceedings before the Court of Appeal, Court of Criminal Appeal, Common Law Division, and Equity Division.
- Barristers attending ceremonial sittings of the Supreme Court.
- Robes and wigs are not worn before Registrars

### *Court of Appeal*

Robes	Wig
Yes, except for directions hearings and Monday referrals before a single Judge	No

### *Court of Criminal Appeal*

Robes	Wig
Yes	Yes

### *Common Law Division*

Hearing type	Robes	Wig
Civil and Criminal trials, sentence proceedings, delivery of reserved judgment	Yes	Yes
Bail, duty matters, callovers	No	No
Pre-trial mentions or applications	No, unless the accused is in court	No, unless the accused is in court

### *Equity Division*

Hearing type	Robes	Wig
Trials (including enquiries as to damages and for account of profits), Duty Judge, delivery of reserved judgments, motions or directions in the Probate List and Protective List, other motions in the Revenue List	Yes	Yes



Reserved judgments on motions, Motions or directions in the Corporations List, 9.30am motions in the Revenue List, other lists except if the Duty Judge or the directions hearing occurs during the course of a trial.	No	No
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*Ceremonial sittings*

Barristers are to wear robes and wigs. Senior Counsel should wear full-bottomed wigs.

*Issued by*

The Hon T F Bathurst AC  
Chief Justice of NSW  
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