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## NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

### Re: Gowning Policy for Counsel

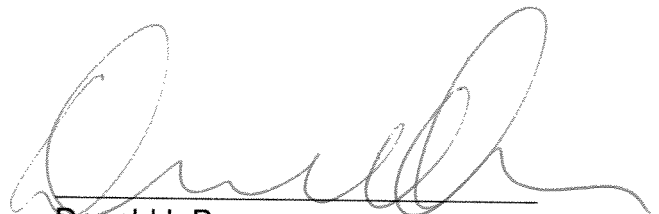
The tradition of gowning in court is of long standing and underscores the solemnity of the judicial process.

The purpose of this notice is to advise the Profession that effective September 8, 2009, the Court will adopt a new policy expanding the occasions upon which counsel is required to gown for appearances before the Court.

Effective September 8, 2009, unless the presiding judge otherwise directs, counsel is required to gown:

- a) for all criminal and quasi-criminal proceedings except 'fix dates' and pre-trial conferences. For greater clarity, counsel is required to gown for bail hearings, bail reviews, guilty pleas including when sentencing is to be adjourned, extradition proceedings, and applications in the nature of prerogative writs;
- b) for all civil trials and family law trials, with the exception of summary trials;  
and
- c) for all appeals from the Provincial Court.

June 9, 2009



Donald I. Brenner,  
Chief Justice