

COURT OF SESSION

PRACTICE NOTE

No 1 of 2019

Court Dress in the Outer House

1. This Practice Note has effect from 1 December 2019.
2. Judges sitting in the Outer House will, ordinarily, no longer wear wigs and judicial robes, except when presiding over a hearing which involves the testimony of witnesses. It is not expected that counsel or solicitors with rights of audience appearing in the Outer House will wear wigs or gowns.
3. If a judge determines that special circumstances exist which make it appropriate to wear a wig and judicial robe, that will be intimated to practitioners in advance of the hearing.
4. Practitioners are expected to wear clothing appropriate for business at all hearings.

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Lord President

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