



**FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT OF AUSTRALIA**  
**PRACTICE DIRECTION: NO. 1 OF 2010**

**Robing of Counsel in the Federal Magistrates Court.**

**Introduction**

This Practice Direction sets out information in relation to robing of counsel who appear before the Federal Magistrates Court.

**Practice Direction**

This Practice Direction is effective from 06 September 2010.

The following robing requirements apply to the Federal Magistrates Court ("the FMC") in all of its jurisdictions:

- Barristers will robe in final hearings before the FMC for all judgments, trials, and contested hearings in which oral evidence is to be adduced. Barristers will robe wherever the Court is sitting (including all circuit locations).
- Barristers should not robe in duty matters or for interim or interlocutory applications (unless such applications form part of a trial or a contested hearing in which oral evidence is to be adduced).
- Barristers will robe for ceremonial sittings.
- Wigs, full-bottomed or otherwise, are not worn in the FMC on any occasion.

These arrangements are subject to contrary directions made by the presiding Federal Magistrate - to take into account (for example) the nature of the venue in which the FMC is sitting, or the unavailability of air conditioning.

**CHIEF FEDERAL MAGISTRATE JOHN PASCOE**  
**FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT OF AUSTRALIA**

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