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Dear Subscriber

Robing of Counsel in the Federal Court of Australia

The Federal Court has developed national guidelines for the robing of Counsel appearing before the Court.

The guidelines are as follows:

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The following robing practices apply in the Federal Court, unless a judge otherwise orders, having regard to the nature or circumstances of a particular matter:

Wigs, full-bottomed or otherwise, are not worn on any occasion.

Robes, and any related attire, are worn for:

- trials
- appeals
- all other final hearings, including the final hearing of a separate issue
- and for delivery of judgment after all such hearings.

Robes are not worn for any other hearing, including the hearing of an interlocutory issue and matters before a Federal Court Registrar.

In the event of doubt, enquiry should be made of the associate to the presiding judge.

The guidelines are also available on the Court's website at:
<http://www.fedcourt.gov.au/how/robing.html>

If you have any queries, please contact me on (02) 9230 8720.

Yours faithfully

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