

Supreme Court of Nova Scotia
Amendments to Practice Memorandum 4
Courtroom Attire
June 27, 2025

1. Under *Halifax Law Courts*, Clause 2(e) is deleted.
2. Under *Family Division in Halifax*:
 - i. The words “in Halifax” are deleted from the title.
 - ii. In clause (1), the words “Unless otherwise ordered by a judge,” are added before the word “Robing” and “Robing” is changed to lower case.
 - iii. In 1(c), the period at the end of the sentence is replaced with a semi-colon.
 - iv. Add 1(d) – “contempt hearings”.

3. The *Family Division in Sydney* section is deleted in its entirety.

4. Under *Appropriate Business Attire*, the current wording is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Lawyers are expected to maintain a professional appearance when appearing in person at a Courthouse or virtually. Appropriate business attire includes suits, ties, blazers, dress pants, skirts, dresses, professional shirts or tops and closed-toe dress shoes.”

5. Under *Personal Circumstances*, the current wording is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Lawyers with personal circumstances, such as pregnancy, medical conditions or disability, that require them to wear modified robes or business attire are requested to advise the court clerk, or other court officer in advance of the hearing that they will be dressed in modified attire in accordance with the provisions of this practice directive. Modifications may include, but are not limited to, things such as dispensing with a court shirt, waistcoat or tabs. Modified attire must be black and in keeping with courtroom decorum.”

Certificate

I, Deborah K. Smith, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, certify that on June 27, 2025, a majority of the judges of the court made the foregoing amendments to Practice Memorandum 4, Courtroom Attire.

**Original Signed by
Deborah K. Smith, C.J.**

Deborah K. Smith
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia