



The Magistrates' Court of Bermuda

CIRCULAR NO. 4 OF 2019

Practice Direction

DRESS CODE FOR BARRISTERS

This Dress Code for Barristers is being implemented as a result of a steady decline in the professional appearance of some Barristers who come before the Magistrates' Court, and it is in keeping with section 61 of the Barristers' Code of Professional Conduct 1981. If Barristers fail or refuse to comply with this Dress Code then they may not be heard by the Court and/or they may be required to exit the well of the Court until such time that they comply with this Dress Code.

Whether a Barrister is in compliance with this Dress Code for Barristers shall be at the sole discretion of the presiding Magistrate.

All

1. Clothing should be unobstrusive.
2. Clothing should not be overly revealing (of the cleavage, stomach, midriff or thighs).
3. No overly conspicuous jewelry should be worn.
4. No hats are to be worn.
5. Tattoos should be discretely concealed where possible, and in any event no offensive or inappropriate tattoos shall be shown.
6. No jeans (even on "Denim Days").
7. Sunglasses shall **not** be worn unless they are prescription or are being worn for medical reasons.
8. Clothing or grooming styles dictated by religion are permitted (including headwear).

Men

1. Suits or blazers with collared shirt (tucked in) and tie.
2. Formal style trousers or Bermuda dress shorts.
3. Formal style shoes/boots with socks.

Women

1. Business suits i.e. with jacket/blazer
2. Dresses or blouses should be long-sleeved.
3. A dress/skirt (preferably no more than two inches above the knee) or long pants.
4. Conservative shoes (ballet-styled slip-ins are **not** permitted).
5. If worn, conservative make-up shall be applied.

Dated the 1st day of June, 2019

The Worshipful Juan P. Wolfe
Senior Magistrate