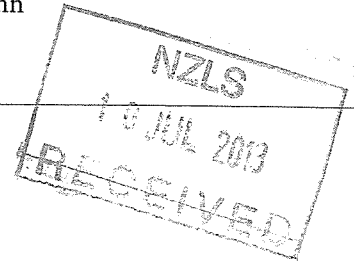




HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND  
The Hon. Justice H D Winkelmann  
Chief Judge



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**RE: Court Attire for Candidates for Admission to the Bar and Counsel Moving at Group Admission Ceremonies**

Concern has been raised with me regarding variable practice between registries as to the required standard of dress at admission ceremonies. It has been reported to me that some admitees are being told they must wear traditional court attire at admission ceremonies. I have reminded registries that the general approach in connection with court attire for admission ceremonies is that candidates for admission and their counsel moving have the option of wearing traditional court attire (wigs, bands, white shirt and gowns) or gowns over neat clothing. Neat clothing means dark suit, white shirt and tie for men and equivalent dress for women (women to ensure their shirt or blouse is white).

Applicants and counsel moving may not combine the two options by, for example, wearing a wig and a tie, or bands over a tie. Applicants are requested to remind their counsel moving of these requirements.

Yours sincerely

Hon Justice H D Winkelmann  
Chief High Court Judge