



PRESIDENT OF THE  
FAMILY DIVISION

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**Guidance on Court Dress**

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When not wearing a gown, judges should sit wearing a dark coloured business suit or similar.

Sir Mark Potter

President of the Family Division

Date 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008

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<sup>1</sup> As defined by Section 32 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 and Schedule 1 to the Supreme Court Act 1981 as amended