

**PRACTICE DIRECTION**

**No. 4 of 2018**

**WEARING OF WIGS AND GOWNS IN THE FAMILY DIVISION AND FAMILY  
CARE CENTRES**

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**This Practice Direction revokes and replaces Practice Direction 4 of 2006.**

As of today's date judges sitting in proceedings in the Family Division and family care centres under the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 and the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction will ordinarily robe unless the nature of the proceedings requires them not to do so. Members of the Bar will not be required to wear wigs or gowns unless the judge in charge of the proceedings otherwise directs.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018



The Rt Hon Sir Declan Morgan

Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland