



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

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The District Court Rules Committee, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 91 of the Courts of Justice Act 1924, section 72 of the Courts of Justice Act 1936, section 34 of the Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Act 1961, and section 24 of the Interpretation Act 2005, and of all other powers enabling them in this behalf, do hereby, with the concurrence of the Minister for Justice and Equality, make the following rules of court.

Dated this 30th day of January 2017.

Rosemary Horgan      Chairperson  
Mary C Devins  
Brian Sheridan  
Conal Gibbons  
Anne Watkin  
Shane McCarthy  
Riobard Pierse  
Niall Nolan  
Roy Pearson  
Noel A Doherty  
Michelle Johnston

I concur in the making of the following rules of court.

Dated this 8th day of March 2017.

FRANCES FITZGERALD,  
Minister for Justice and Equality.

*Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in  
"Iris Oifigiúil" of 14th March, 2017.*

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1. (1) These Rules, which shall come into operation on the 15th day of March 2017, may be cited as the District Court (Judges' Robes) Rules 2017.

(2) These Rules shall be construed together with the District Court Rules 1997 (S.I. No. 93 of 1997) and all other District Court Rules.

(3) The District Court Rules as amended by these Rules may be cited as the District Court Rules 1997 to 2017.

2. The District Court Rules 1997 (S.I. No. 93 of 1997) are amended by the substitution for Order 5 of the Order set out in the Schedule.

**Schedule**

“Order 5

Judges' robes

1. (1) Save as otherwise provided by Statute or these Rules, the official attire to be worn by the Judges during the sittings of the Court shall be as follows:

(a) a black coat and gown of uniform nature and material and white bands or

(b) a black gown of uniform nature and material with sleeves bearing blue double ribbon banding and a single white neck tab or white bands.

(2) A Judge appointed to the Court after the coming into operation of sub-rule (1) and this sub-rule shall wear the official attire specified in paragraph (b) of sub-rule (1).

2. A Judge, when hearing and determining such proceedings as are referred to in section 45(1) of the Judicial Separation and Family Law Reform Act 1989 (No. 6 of 1989) or proceedings involving a child shall not be required to wear either such gown but shall during the sittings of the Court wear white bands or a single white neck tab and dark attire.”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).*

These rules amend Order 5 of the District Court Rules to provide for new judicial attire for the judges of the District Court.

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