



SHERIFFDOM OF GLASGOW & STRATHKELVIN

PRACTICE NOTE NO 1, 2020

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I, CRAIG DOUGLAS TURNBULL, Sheriff Principal of Glasgow & Strathkelvin, for the purpose of regulating practice in the Sheriff Court at Glasgow in pursuance of the powers conferred by section 27(2) and (4) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, and all common law powers enabling me on that behalf, Order and Direct as follows:-

1. This Practice Note has effect from 2 March 2020. It replaces the Practice Note "Commercial Causes" of 4 October 1999; and Part 3 of the Act of Court (Consolidation) 2005 of 5 June 2005.
2. Sheriffs and summary sheriffs will, ordinarily, no longer wear wigs and gowns in civil proceedings, except when presiding over a hearing which involves the testimony of witnesses. It is not expected that counsel or solicitors appearing will wear wigs or gowns, except when appearing in a civil hearing which involves the testimony of witnesses.
3. If a sheriff or a summary sheriff determines that special circumstances exist which make it appropriate to wear a wig and gown when presiding over a civil hearing other than one which involves the testimony of witnesses that will be intimated to practitioners in advance of the hearing.

4. If a sheriff or a summary sheriff determines that it is inappropriate to wear a wig and gown when presiding over a civil hearing which involves the testimony of witnesses that will be intimated to practitioners in advance of the hearing.
5. Practitioners are expected to wear clothing appropriate for business at all hearings.

C D Turnbull

Sheriff Principal of Glasgow & Strathkelvin

Glasgow, 19 February 2020