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Practice Direction

Manner of Address for Registrars

Summary:

This Practice Direction directs that the correct way to address a registrar or district registrar sitting in court is as “Your Honour”.

Direction:

1. District registrars and the registrar of the court are legally trained persons appointed under s. 13(1) of the *Supreme Court Act*. They exercise a judicial role and hear a variety of important matters including assessments of bills of costs, review of lawyers’ accounts, settling of orders, as well as references and bankruptcy discharge applications.
2. In the past, district registrars and the registrar of the court were addressed in the courtroom as “Madam Registrar” or “Mister Registrar”. This form of address was confusing because the person carrying out the duties of the court clerk in civil matters is referred to in the courtroom in the same way.
3. To end this confusion, and to recognize their status as members of the court, district registrars and the registrar of the court sitting in court should be referred to as “Your Honour”.

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Chief Justice