

# **IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT**

**(2012)**

## **PRACTICE NOTE**

### **MAGISTRATES STYLE AND TITLE AND DRESS IN COURT**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

This Practice Note applies to all the Magistrates Courts in the jurisdiction of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in which magistrates preside.

#### **2. PURPOSE OF PRACTICE NOTE**

The purpose of this Practice Note is to change the form of address with the intention to promote uniformity in the jurisdictions in the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, in the Style and Title of Magistrates and to permit Magistrates to wear robes when presiding in Court and for other official functions.

#### **3. AUTHORITY**

This Practice Note is made pursuant to the inherent jurisdiction of the Honorable Chief Justice to regulate the style and title and court attire after consultation and the concurrence of the Head of Governments of the OECS Member States and Territories at the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of the OECS Authority held on June 11, 2012 in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

**IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AS FOLLOWS:**

- (1) In all Member States and Territories of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, the Style and Title for a Magistrate shall be "YOUR HONOUR".**
- (2) A Magistrate may wear a robe when presiding in Court and for other official functions.**

This Practice Note will come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2012.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2012.



Sir Hugh A. Rawlins

Chief Justice