



CIRCULAR TO ALL CHAMBERS

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Mourning Arrangements and King's Counsel

Following the Chief Justice's statement on Friday 9 September 2022, he has directed that I issue the following guidance on his behalf:

- As the Gibraltar courts were adjourned on Friday, all courts will observe two minutes' silence at today's first sitting.
- During the mourning period (extending seven days after The Queen's funeral on Monday the 19th day of September 2022) the Chief Justice has asked that all members of the judiciary respect formal mourning dress in the form of a black tie when sitting and not robed. Gibraltar Courts Service staff are also required to do so.
- Members of the legal profession appearing before the courts are not required to observe court mourning in terms of dress but will, as always, be required to wear dark coloured business attire.
- Other court users may choose to wear dark coloured business attire during the mourning period but are not required to do so.
- Courts will not sit on the 19th day of September 2022 as this is now a bank holiday. The court Registries will, therefore, also be closed.
- Defendants remanded in custody or on bail to appear in the Supreme Court on the 19th day of September 2022 will have their matters listed for a PCMH beforehand in order to adjourn the matter to the next available date.
- Persons who are due to attend the Supreme Court on the 19th day of September 2022 for jury service should not attend on the day. The Registry will contact those persons to advise them of the date on which they should now attend.
- Defendants remanded in custody or on bail to appear in the Magistrates' Court on the 19th day of September 2022 will now need to appear in court on the 20th day of September 2022 unless the matter is listed beforehand by the clerk. A special sitting of the Magistrates' Court will be convened on Saturday the 17th day of September 2022 if necessary, to deal with overnight remands.
- During the mourning period, all courts (with sittings resuming as listed) will remain open as will the Registries, save for on the 19th day of September 2022 as detailed above, and on any subsequent day which may be identified as a day of mourning in Gibraltar.

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- References to 'Her Majesty' or 'Queen' across the Gibraltar Law Courts will be changed gradually.
- As in England, the change of title Queen's Counsel (QC) to King's Counsel (KC) has occurred automatically without the requirement of new Letters Patent.

Any further guidance or changes during the mourning period will follow in further circulars.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H Cumbo', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ms H Cumbo MBE GMD
Chief Executive