

Jabatan Kehakiman,  
Mahkamah Tinggi,  
Kuala Lumpur.

24hb. Jun, 1971.

Kepada Semua:-

Penolong Kanan Pendaftar/Penolong Pendaftar, Mahkamah2 Tinggi  
Pendaftar Kanan/Pendaftar, Mahkamah2 Seshen  
Yang di-Pertua Khas/Yang di-Pertua Kanan/Yang di-Pertua  
Mahkamah2 Seshen  
Mejisteret2, Mahkamah2 Rendah

MAGISTRATE SHOULD NOT REBUKE COUNSEL  
IN OPEN COURT REGARDING CONDUCT OF COUNSEL  
REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO: 6 OF 1971

A complaint has recently been made to the Honourable the Chief Justice by a legal practitioner that, while on his way to Kuala Lumpur, he had to attend at a Magistrate's Court for mention of a certain case, and he did so, dressed in a full suit of grey, for which he was rebuked by the Magistrate in open court in the presence of other practitioners and members of the public for being improperly dressed.

The Honourable the Chief Justice reminds all Magistrates that good relations between Bench and Bar are essential to the proper administration of justice. To preserve good relations, the advice given at the last Magistrates' Conference is repeated - that if any occasion arises for the Magistrate to reprove any practitioner concerning his conduct, this should be done in the privacy of the Magistrate's Chambers.

As to what is the proper dress, while the black jacket has been conventional garb for practitioners since 1946, it has never been declared mandatory and there are doubtless occasions when a practitioner should be excused if he fails to wear the conventional jacket, but is otherwise properly dressed.