

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT HAT?

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It has come to the attention of the Law Society that local practitioners appear to be ignorant of the following addendum to Law Society Professional Practice Rules which concerns dress code.

17. Permitted headwear

1. A practitioner may wear a Panama Hat whilst in the course of his practice as a barrister and solicitor provided that the hat is fitted and equipped with an approved headband.
2. For the purposes of the preceding sub-rule an 'approved headband' shall be:
 - a. In the case of a Queen's Counsel, a pink headband; and
 - b. In the case of Junior Counsel, a blue headband; and
 - c. In the case of a practitioner with more than five years' experience or being the holder of an unrestricted practising certificate, a green headband; and
 - d. In the case of a practitioner with less than five years' experience but more than two years' experience, a yellow headband; and
 - e. In the case of a practitioner with less than two years' experience, a white headband.
3. An articled clerk shall be permitted to wear a boater with no headband.
4. A practitioner, not being the President of the Law Society, who is a member of the Executive of the Law Society shall be permitted to wear a purple headband.
5. The President of the Law Society, from time-to-time, shall be permitted to wear a purple headband with a white stripe.
6. A practitioner, not being a member of the Executive, may adorn the headband with one multi-coloured feather for each Law Society Committee on which such practitioner serves during the tenure of such service.
7. A barrister who, in the opinion of the Executive, is considered to be Senior Junior Counsel, may wear a blue head-band with thin diagonal pink stripes.
8. A practitioner to whom sub-rule (7) refers may apply to the Executive in writing stating the reasons why that practitioner should be considered by the Executive as Senior Junior Counsel.

