

## HOW TO ADDRESS THE JUDICIARY IN NORTHERN IRELAND

### LORD CHIEF JUSTICE

Lord Chief Justice is a Privy Counsellor.

Address (in correspondence)	Dear...	Orally	In Court
The Right Honourable Sir ... Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland	Lord Chief Justice	Lord Chief Justice	My Lord/His Lordship

### COURT OF APPEAL

Judges who sit in the Court of Appeal (Lords Justices of Appeal) are Privy Counsellors. They are known officially as Lord Justice. They should be addressed as follows:

Address in Correspondence	Dear...	Orally	In Court
The Right Honourable Lord Justice .....	Lord Justice .....	Lord Justice...	My Lord/His Lordship

### HIGH COURT

Members of the High Court are **not** usually Privy Counsellors. Their official designation is as follows:

Address in Correspondence	Dear...	Orally	In Court
The Honourable Mr Justice ...	Mr Justice ...	Judge	My Lord/His Lordship
The Honourable Madam Justice ...	Madam Justice ...	Judge	My Lady / Her Ladyship
The Honourable Mrs Justice ...	Mrs Justice ...	Judge	My Lady / Her Ladyship

### RECORDERS OF BELFAST AND LONDONDERRY

Address (in correspondence)	Dear...	Orally	In Court
His/Her Honour Judge ... (QC where appropriate) Recorder of Belfast/Londonderry	Recorder	Recorder	Your Honour/His/ Her Honour

## COUNTY COURT JUDGES

Address (in correspondence)	Dear...	Orally	In Court
His Honour Judge .... (surname only) (QC where appropriate)	Judge ...	Judge ...	Your Honour/His Honour
Her Honour Judge ... (surname only) (QC where appropriate)	Judge ...	Judge ...	Your Honour/Her Honour

## DISTRICT JUDGES (MAGISTRATES' COURTS)

Address (in correspondence)	Dear...	Orally	In Court
Presiding District Judge (Magistrates' Courts) ... (surname)	Judge	Judge	Your Worship
District Judge (Magistrates' Courts) ... (surname)	Judge	Judge	Your Worship*

\*When sitting with LMs the panel should be referred to as "Your Worships"

## DISTRICT JUDGES

Address (in correspondence)	Dear...	Orally	In Court
District Judge ... (surname)	Judge	Judge	Your Honour

## MASTERS OF THE HIGH COURT

Address (in correspondence)	Dear...	Orally	In Court
Master ... (irrespective of gender)	Master ...	Master	Master

## CORONERS

Address (in correspondence)	Dear...	Orally	In Court
Mr/Mrs etc ..... ,HM Coroner	Mr/Mrs etc ....	Mr/ Mrs etc...	Sir/ Madam

## LAY MAGISTRATES

Address (in correspondence)	Dear...	Orally	In Court
Mr/Mrs etc .....LM (optional)	Mr/Mrs etc ....	Mr/Mrs etc ...	Your Worship*

\*When sitting with a DJ(MCs) the panel should be referred to as "Your Worships"