



## **SUBORDINATE COURTS MEDIA RELEASE**

### **USE OF JUDICIAL ROBES IN THE SUBORDINATE COURTS WED 23 MAY 2013**

The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon at the Opening of the Legal Year 2013 announced that one of the changes to enhance the standing of the Subordinate Courts could be for their judges to wear robes for hearings in open court. This is consistent with the practice in other jurisdictions where judges in the first instance courts, like the superior courts, also wear robes.

2 With effect from **Thursday, 23 May 2013**, judges in the Subordinate Courts will wear robes when presiding over open court hearings. It is the first of many initiatives in the pipeline to enhance the standing of the Subordinate Courts. The use of the robe does not apply to chamber hearings.

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