

**MAGISTRATES COURT  
PRACTICE DIRECTION  
No 9 OF 2004**

***FORM OF ADDRESS IN COURT***

**As and from 17 November 2004, Magistrates are to be addressed as “Your Honour” and not as “Your Worship.”**

**This Practice Direction applies to all Courts in Queensland in which magistrates preside.**

The purpose of this Practice Direction is to remove the antiquated form of address “Your Worship” which creates confusion with the titles of other Judicial Officers. The change in the form of address is intended to promote uniformity between jurisdictions in Queensland, to remove confusion for members of the public and to recognise the judicial office of Magistrate.

This change has been made in consultation with The Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Chief Justice of Queensland, Her Honour Chief Judge Patricia Wolfe, Chief Judge of the District Court of Queensland, The Honourable Rod Welford MP, Attorney General and Minister for Justice of Queensland, Mr Glenn Martin, President of the Bar Association of Queensland, Mr Glenn Ferguson, President of the Queensland Law Society and has their support.

**Judge Marshall Irwin**  
Chief Magistrate  
12 November 2004