

# MENTAL HEALTH COURT

## PRACTICE NOTE No 2 of 2002

### Proclamations in the Mental Health Court

The following proclamations will be used in proceedings in the Mental Health Court.

- (a) **OPENING ON FIRST DAY OF SITTINGS**  
*Preliminary announcement*  
  
*When Judge and Psychiatrists are seated*
- Silence. All rise.  
  
The Mental Health Court is in session. Any person having business before the Court come forward and announce your presence, and you will be heard. Please be seated.
- (b) **OPENING ON SUBSEQUENT DAYS OF SITTINGS**  
*Preliminary announcement*  
  
*When Judge and Psychiatrists are seated*
- Silence. All rise.  
  
The Mental Health Court is in session.
- (c) **ADJOURNMENT**
- Silence. All rise. The Mental Health Court is adjourned until ....
- (d) **ON RESUMPTION AFTER SHORT ADJOURNMENT**  
*Preliminary announcement*  
  
*When Judge and Psychiatrists are seated*
- Silence. All rise.  
  
The Mental Health Court is resumed. Please be seated.
- (e) **CLOSING**
- Silence. All rise.  
The Mental Health Court is now closed.
- (f) **PROCLAMATION TO WITNESSES**
- All witnesses in this proceeding must leave the courtroom.  
  
You must not re-enter the courtroom until you are called to give evidence.  
  
Failure to comply with this direction without lawful excuse is contempt of court for which you may be punished.

  
JUSTICE MARGARET WILSON

Date: 15 March 2002

MENTAL HEALTH COURT  
OATH OF PERSON IN RESPECT OF  
WHOM REFERENCE IS MADE

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REPEATS – SO HELP ME GOD

MENTAL HEALTH COURT  
AFFIRMATION OF PERSON IN RESPECT  
OF WHOM REFERENCE IS MADE

I .. [FULL NAME] .. DO SOLEMNLY, SINCERELY AND TRULY AFFIRM AND DECLARE THAT THE EVIDENCE I SHALL GIVE TO THE COURT TOUCHING THE MATTERS IN QUESTION SHALL BE THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.

MENTAL HEALTH COURT WITNESS OATH

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MENTAL HEALTH COURT WITNESS AFFIRMATION

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