



Identification of Pronouns and Titles by Court of Appeal Participants

The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal welcomes parties, lawyers and other participants to advise the Court of their pronouns and titles.

In doing so, the Court seeks to foster an inclusive environment for appeal proceedings in which all gender identities are recognized and respected. This will also help the Court to avoid misgendering or otherwise misidentifying lawyers, parties, clients or other participants in court and in written decisions.

Examples of pronouns include, but are not limited to:

- She/her
- He/him
- They/them

Examples of titles include, but are not limited to:

- Ms.
- Mr.
- Mx.

Parties, lawyers and other participants are welcome to provide their pronouns and titles in advance of an appeal or Chambers hearing by contacting the Registrar in writing, including by email. They are also welcome to advise the Court Clerk of their pronouns and titles prior to the start of the appeal or Chambers hearing. The Court Clerk will then advise the appeal panel or Chambers judge.

Counsel and self-represented parties are also welcome to advise the Court of the pronouns and titles of other individuals attending court in relation to their matter, such as clients, support persons, sureties and witnesses.

Informing the Court of pronouns and titles is a matter of choice. There is no obligation to do so.