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## **Practice Direction**

### **Forms of Address for Parties and Counsel in Proceedings**

#### **Summary**

This Practice Direction clarifies how parties and/or counsel can advise the Court, other parties, and counsel of their pronouns and form of address.

#### **Direction**

1. At the beginning of any in-person or virtual proceeding when parties or counsel are introducing themselves, their client, a witness, or another person, they should provide the judge or justice with each person's name, title (e.g. "Mr./Ms./Mx./Counsel Jones") and the correct pronouns to be used in the proceeding.
2. If a party or counsel do not provide this information in their introduction, they will be prompted by a court clerk to provide this information.

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