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SENATE BILL 991

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

RELATING TO WIGS; REQUIRING ATTORNEYS TO WEAR PERUKES,
PERIWIGS OR BIGWIGS, DEPENDING UPON HOURLY FEES OR OTHER
CHARGES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. ATTORNEYS- - WIGS IN COURT. - -

A. All attorneys appearing in New Mexico courts shall meet a minimum dress code prescribed by the court that shall include, if the attorney is charging an hourly fee, the wearing of perukes, periwigs or bigwigs, as follows:

(1) if the attorney is charging one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) or less per hour, the attorney shall at all times wear a peruke of a size sufficient to cover the top of the attorney's head, which shall modestly extend on the sides not less than four nor more than six inches, and in the back not

1 less than seven nor more than nine inches. The court shall have
2 discretion to determine the meaning of "modestly" for its own
3 purposes;

4 (2) if the attorney is charging more than one
5 hundred fifty dollars (\$150) but less than three hundred dollars
6 (\$300) per hour, the attorney shall wear a periwig of a size,
7 with respect to the top of the attorney's head, as provided in
8 Paragraph (1) of this subsection, but which shall generously
9 extend on the sides to a more elegant extent, as determined by
10 the court if it doesn't have anything more pressing to do, and
11 in the back shall reach the attorney's neck; or

12 (3) if the attorney is charging more than three
13 hundred dollars (\$300) per hour (God help him, her or it), the
14 attorney shall wear an appurtenance covering his pate to the
15 full extent hereinabove provided (on two separate occasions
16 which aren't going to be repeated again, so just figure it out)
17 but of such grand and magnificent length as to be ycleped and
18 referred to as a bigwig, which shall accordingly extend on all
19 sides in sufficient length to reach just about anywhere, but at
20 least the shoulders.

21 B. Perukes, periwigs and bigwigs shall be affixed to
22 the head with pins, velcro, horse glue, bat guano or any other
23 suitable fastening agent.

24 C. Perukes, periwigs and bigwigs shall be white or
25 light silver-gray in color, depending on lighting and mood, with

1 tight, powdered curls and ringlets, until otherwise ordered by
2 the supreme court or the dictates of fashion. Second-hand,
3 third-hand--even foreign wigs (such as will soon become
4 available from Hong Kong, and that's a hint)--may be used, but
5 must be cleaned and deloused once in each lifetime; provided
6 that cleaning and delousing may be waived in case of hardship,
7 upon application and appearance, wearing the said wig, before
8 the supreme court.

9 D. Attorneys who don't charge hourly fees are either
10 dead or on a contingency fee high. They might as well be
11 bigwigs, too, except if dead.