

## **ANNEX E - Shrieval Dress**

The Sheriffs' pattern of dress is:

- Velvets for some three or four dinners during the year of office, including the Lord Mayor's Banquet and the Sheriffs' Breakfast.
- Old Bailey with Breeches/long black velvet skirt for white tie occasions
- Old Bailey with Trousers/long black cloth skirt for evening black tie occasions/knee length black cloth skirt for daytime black tie occasions
- Morning Coat
- Lounge Suit

The dress code will be indicated on the Day Sheet and the Event Sheet. The table overleaf sets out the precise attire to be worn depending on the dress code, together with the 'short-hand' reference sometimes used on the Sheets.

If ever in doubt, the Sheriff should consult with the Senior Programme Manager at Mansion House.

Generally, Shrieval attire is not used for private functions. However, there are occasions where one might be the guest of the Master of one's own Livery or Ward Club where in practice, the Sheriff has been invited because of their appointment and not in a personal capacity. On such occasions the Sheriff is expected to wear Shrieval attire equivalent to the dress code of the function. It is advisable to clear the dress code with the Clerk of the Livery company concerned and with the Senior Programme Manager.

If the hosts at a Reception in the evening are in lounge suits it would not be appropriate for a Sheriff to appear in Old Bailey and Trousers/black cloth skirt.

If the Sheriff is with the Lord Mayor at such a reception and only in transit to a formal occasion afterwards, the Sheriff would follow the Lord Mayor's dress. The Sheriff's footman who attends on their Sheriff can ensure that a change of clothes is available at the Mansion House, should the Sheriff need to change their clothes for a subsequent function.

The below is an indicative list of the dress required for a Shrieval year. Further detail, including a range of stockists, can be made available on enquiry:-

- One scarlet gown
- One violet gown
- One set of velvet Old Bailey and Breeches or long velvet skirt (Court Dress)
- Old Bailey with Trousers and Breeches or both long black cloth skirt (evenings) and short black cloth skirt (daytime)
- A morning coat, black waistcoat and morning trousers/black dress.
- Lounge suits or Day dresses and day suits (suitable to have Shrieval Chain attached if required).
- White tie and tails, with dress shirt and waistcoat/floor-length evening dress for white tie.

- Dinner jacket and dress shirts for black tie, or Dinner Party cocktail length dresses or suits.
- Clerical collars.
- White collarless shirts.
- Stiff detached collars.
- White shirts with collars attached.
- Sets of studs.
- Black tights or hose (75 denier).
- One pair patent court shoes with buckles.
- One pair dress shoes//ladies' black patent evening shoes.
- A number of lace jabots and cuffs.
- Black shoes to be worn with Old Bailey and trousers, or ladies' black day shoes to be worn with cloth Old Bailey
- One silk stock
- Wig bags
- Two pairs of white gloves

It is occasionally helpful to have a black short jacket, which would be useful to wear on odd occasions instead of the morning coat or sometimes with Old Bailey trousers/black cloth skirt when the next function requires Old Bailey.

Shorthand	Meaning	LM / Sheriffs (Men)	LM / Sheriffs (Women)
Velvets	Black Velvet Court Dress  (Generally worn at only the most formal occasions in STATE)	Black velvet court coat and waistcoat, soft stock and lace cuffs Black velvet breeches and stockings Court shoes Mayoral / Shrieval Chain and Badge Decorations (breast star, neck decoration, miniature medals, as appropriate) White gloves	Black velvet court coat and waistcoat, soft stock and lace cuffs LONG black velvet skirt Court shoes Mayoral / Shrieval Chain and Badge Decorations (breast star, neck decoration, miniature medals, as appropriate) White gloves
OBBC&D	Old Bailey, Breeches, Chain & Decorations  (Generally worn on White Tie occasions)	Old Bailey coat and waistcoat, stiff collar and jabot, lace cuffs Breeches and stockings Court shoes Mayoral / Shrieval Chain and Badge Decorations (breast star, neck decoration, miniature medals, as appropriate) White gloves	Old Bailey coat and waistcoat, stiff collar and jabot, lace cuffs LONG skirt Court shoes Mayoral / Shrieval Chain and Badge Decorations (breast star, neck decoration, miniature medals, as appropriate) White gloves NB – some female Sheriffs have worn a silk stock instead of a collar and jabot
OBTC	Old Bailey, Trousers, Chain  (Generally worn on Black Tie occasions or for ceremonial occasions in the day)	Old Bailey coat and waistcoat, stiff collar and jabot, lace cuffs Trousers Patent lace-ups (evening) / Black leather lace-ups (daytime)	Old Bailey coat and waistcoat, stiff collar and jabot, lace cuffs SHORT skirt Court shoes Mayoral / Shrieval Chain and

		Mayoral / Shrieval Chain and Badge White gloves	Badge White gloves NB – some female Sheriffs have worn a silk stock instead of a collar and jabot
White Tie & Badge	White Tie and Badge  (Worn at white tie occasions when Old Bailey would be inappropriate)	Tail coat and trousers White Marcella shirt with stiff wing collar White bow tie White Marcella waistcoat Patent lace-ups LM – Badge on a Ribbon Sheriffs - Chain and Badge Decorations (if indicated on invitation)	Long evening dress LM – Badge on a Ribbon Shrieval Chain & Badge Decorations (if indicated on invitation) (Tiaras will be indicated on the invitation – increasingly rare)
Black Tie & Badge	Black Tie and Badge  (Generally worn on non-Livery and non-Civic occasions where the dress code is Black Tie)	Dinner jacket and trousers White evening shirt with turn down collar Black bow tie Patent lace-ups LM – Badge on a Ribbon Sheriffs - Shrieval Chain and Badge	Long or short evening dress LM – Badge on a Ribbon Sheriffs - Shrieval Chain and Badge  (The Lady Mayoress will usually indicate whether she will wear a long or a short dress. Generally it is long. Programme Office can provide advice in uncertainty).
MC & Badge	Morning Coat and Badge  (Generally worn on formal daytime occasions)	Black morning coat Striped trousers Black waistcoat White collared shirt Necktie Black lace-ups	Formal day wear (with hat if indicated) LM – Badge on a Ribbon Shrieval Chain and Badge

		LM – Badge on a Ribbon Sheriffs - Shrieval Chain and Badge Top Hat – only when specifically indicated	
Lounge Suit & Badge	Lounge Suit and Badge (Generally worn on daytime occasions)	Lounge Suit LM – Badge on a Ribbon Sheriffs - Shrieval Chain and Badge	Business attire LM – Badge on a Ribbon Shrieval Chain and Badge
Day Dress	Day Dress (Generally worn on daytime occasions)		Formal day wear (with hat if indicated) LM – Badge on a Ribbon if indicated Shrieval Chain and Badge if indicated
Gowns	The type of gown (usually Scarlet or Violet) to be worn over the above dress codes will be indicated on the Day Sheet and Proforma or Ceremonial Instruction.  The Lord Mayor also has a Velvet Reception Robe and a Black and Gold Robe.		
Hat		Mayoral Tricorn Shrieval Bicorn – generally held and not worn	Mayoral Tricorn Shrieval Bicorn – generally held and not worn
STATE	Sword and Mace are present.  Dress code will be indicated on the Day Sheet, Proforma or Ceremonial Instruction.		

