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Appeals in the Court of Appeal Criminal Division

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) will in future strongly recommend any legal representative drafting grounds of appeal against sentence to incorporate within the grounds a pro forma table setting out the details of the sentence passed. The table will be in the following format:

Count on Indictment	Offence <i>(state statutory provision / common law)</i>	Pleaded guilty or convicted	Sentence	Consecutive or Concurrent	Maximum
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Total Sentence:					
Minimum Term if applicable:					
Time to count towards sentence under s.240/s.240A Criminal Justice Act 2003					
Other relevant orders:					



The purpose of the table is to ensure that the Court has in easily referable form the precise sentence passed and to ensure that that the sentence was within the Court's powers. The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) sees a surprising number of sentence cases when the Court below did not have powers to pass a particular sentence and the Court has a duty to correct every instance where this occurs.

I am confident that the very act of completing the table (which will of course include the Crown in Attorney General's references against unduly lenient sentences) will assist in identifying at an early stage any legal errors, perhaps in time for the sentencing court to vary the sentence under s.155 PCC(S)A 2000. I would be grateful if you could disseminate this information to your members.

Susan Holdham, one of my Senior Legal Managers, will be forwarding a soft copy which can be used as a template. We are hopeful of launching our own website in the near future which will have this, amongst other forms for access to the legal profession and court users.

yours sincerely
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