

Negotiable Instruments Act, 1882 , [Section 138](#) - Exemption from personal appearance - Even while observing that in appropriate cases the Magistrate can allow an accused to make even the first appearance through a counsel - Such discretion needs to be exercised only in rare instances and there ought to be good reasons for dispensing with the presence.

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