



WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO BEHAVE IN COURT

1. Clothing:

There is no need to purchase new clothes to appear in court. However, everything you wear should be clean.

Men should wear pants and a shirt with a collar. If you have them available, a suit jacket or tie always look good.

Women should wear a dress, skirt or pants that are not too tight, too short, or low cut.

Never wear shorts, t-shirts, clothing with obscenity on it, work-out clothes, sandals, sunglasses, a hat or excessive make-up or jewelry to court.

2. Phones:

 All mobile phones, pagers and tablets will be turned off while in court.

3. Food & Drink:

× No Food

× No Drinks

× No Chewing Gum

4. Talking:

All persons are expected to act their very best in the courtroom.

When speaking in court, speak clearly, politely, and loud enough to be heard by the Judge and the court reporter. All responses must be verbal, no nodding or shaking of the head.

Never interrupt anyone, especially the Judge.

When addressing the Judge, refer to him or her as "Your Honor". If the Judge asks you a question, always begin or end your answer with "Sir," "Ma'am," or "Your Honor".

When addressing or referring to anyone else, refer to him or her as "Mr.," "Mrs.," or "Ms."

5. Family:

Although you may want the support of your family or friends, you generally should not bring children to court. Children are often not permitted in court because they can be distracting to you, the Judge, and other parties in the courtroom.