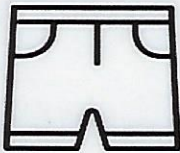


COURTROOM ATTIRE AND CONDUCT

When attending court, your clothes and conduct say more about you than you realize. A judge will take notice of how you present yourself. Your clothing and behavior should give off the impression that you care about the laws and your rights. Here are some tips on what to wear and how to act.

Some basic rules of court attire include:



No shorts

Neither men or women are allowed to wear shorts.

Business Casual

To give yourself the best chance, we recommend wearing business casual clothes.



No sneakers, sandals, flip-flops, or other open-toe shoes



No hats or sunglasses

Exercise modesty

Short skirts or dresses are not advised for court. No tank tops or muscle tees.

For men, dress shoes are preferred. For women, heels or flats that look professional are advised.

Court Conduct

01

Be respectful

Refer to the judge as "Your Honor". Be polite to all of the staff at the courthouse

02

Be prepared

Make sure you are ready for your case to be called. Look the judge and other staff in the eye when speaking. Use a loud, clear voice when answering questions.

03

Do not interrupt others

Do not interrupt the judge, other parties, or anyone else. Wait your turn and then you can share your side.

04

Do not chew gum, wear sunglasses or hats

Gum is not allowed in courtrooms and judges will ask for you to remove your sunglasses and hats. It is best to leave them in the car.

We care about you and the outcome of your case.

Additional suggestions include:



Be on time

Court does not wait for you. Plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before your start time to allow



No cell phones

Most courts do not allow you to bring your phone into the courthouse. If they do, be



No ripped jeans

Jeans that have holes or rips in them are not court appropriate.



No weapons

Do not bring guns or any other weapons to court