

General Rules of Attire and Conduct  
In Justice of the Peace Pct.2  
Courtroom Attire

**ALL PERSONS** present in the Courtroom shall be clean, neat and dressed in a manner that shows dignity and respect for the Court.

Unacceptable attire includes:

Shorts, cut-offs, baggy pants, oversized coats (jackets), flip flop style shoes, hats, cropped shirts, muscle shirts, clothing indicating gang affiliation or other clothing with offensive, vulgar, racist, sexist, obscene, suggestive words, slogans, depictions, or pictures, including grotesque creatures. Shirts that are torn, dirty and ragged will not be allowed.

**ALL SHIRTS MUST BE TUCKED INSIDE PANTS!**

Provocative clothing designed, styled, or worn to provoke emotion or disrupt or distract will not be allowed.

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**Courtroom Conduct**

Conduct in the “Courtroom” also includes the reception/foyer area, jury room and/or any office space assigned to the Justice Court.

1. Any type of **WEAPONS** are **PROHIBITED** in the Courtroom and this building **EXCEPT** for **LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL. YOU ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH!**
2. Be on time.
3. Rise when the Judge enters and remains standing until the Judge or bailiff announces, “Be seated”. Rise when the Judge exits the courtroom.
4. Do not argue with the court.
5. Address the court as “Judge” or “Your Honor”.
6. Address opposing parties, counsel, witnesses and court officers as “Mr.”, “Miss”, “Dr.”, etc. Do not use first names, except with children 14 years of age and younger.
7. **Do not approach the Judge's bench without permission.** Do not rest arms on the bench. Remain behind the marker on the floor.
8. Do not chew gum in the Courtroom or bring drinks or food items into the Courtroom.
9. Racist, sexist, obscene, or profane language is prohibited unless it is pertinent to a case, and is elicited and quoted from facts in the case.
10. Do not enter or depart the Courtroom excessively and do not slam the doors.
11. Do nothing to disturb or distract the court, counsels, witnesses or other court personnel.
12. Do not read newspapers, magazines, periodicals, books, etc. in the Courtroom during proceedings.
13. Absolutely **NO** cellular phones in the Courtroom and No pagers in the Courtroom. (Unless turned to silent mode)
14. All property in the Courtroom and reception area must be treated with respect. No writing on any papers posted or furniture.
15. No recording devices are allowed without judicial approval.

**PRO SE** parties (individuals representing themselves without an attorney) should be prepared to present their cases in proper manner. It is **NOT the court's duty** to represent you nor instruct you on evidence, rules or how to present and prove your case. If you are unprepared, unaware and not knowledgeable as to presenting your case, you may lose your case.