



Judge Jody Henry
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COURT RULES OF CONDUCT AND ATTIRE

Upon entering the courtroom:

Please ensure that all cell phones or devices are turned off.
No food, drink, candy, or gum is allowed in the courtroom.
No guns or weapons of any kind are permitted. (*Handgun permits do not apply in court.*)
Taking pictures or videos in the courtroom is strictly prohibited.

While you are waiting in the courtroom:

You are expected to be courteous to the Court and others.
Do not talk or make noises in the courtroom unless you are participating in the matter before the Court.
Conversations should be taken out of the courtroom as not to disturb the proceedings of the Court.
Do not speak from the audience or approach the Judge's bench unless you have permission.
Do not enter or depart the courtroom excessively and do not slam the doors.
Avoid bringing small children to court. If you must bring them, it is your responsibility to supervise their behavior and keep them quiet while in the courtroom.

When your case is called:

You may rise and the bailiff or the Judge will permit you to approach the bench. **ONLY THE PARTIES** (and a parent if the party is a minor) to the case should approach. All others, including friends and family members should remain seated unless they are needed to physically assist you in approaching the bench. If you require the assistance of another individual, you may notify the Court. If such assistance is permitted by the Court, that individual will be requested to approach at that time.

When presenting your case or providing testimony:

You should address the Court as "*Judge*" or "*Your Honor*."
Address opposing parties, counsel, witnesses, etc. as *Mr.*, *Ms.*, *Dr.*, etc., not by first names.
DO NOT talk over, interrupt, or argue with the Court, the opposing party, counsel, or witnesses.
Racist, sexist, obscene, or profane language is prohibited unless pertinent to the case.

Proper attire should be worn at all times by all persons in the courtroom:

Clothing that displays offensive, vulgar, racist, sexist, gang-related, obscene language and/or graphics or that the Judge deems inappropriate will be not permitted.

- No sleeveless shirts or tank tops.
- No halter/ tube tops, spaghetti strap, midriff, or revealing shirts.
- No exposed undergarments.
- Shirts & blouses must be buttoned up.
- Men's shirts should be tucked in.
- Flip-flops are not permitted.
- No shorts or short skirts.
- Pants are to be worn around the waist and should not be sagging or excessively low rise.
- Pants should be neat and not tattered, shredded, or exposing skin.
- Hats (except religious headwear) and sunglasses are not permitted to be worn.

If you come to court in improper attire, you will not be allowed in the courtroom and will be considered to have failed to appear for the hearing.