

COURTROOM CONDUCT

Address the court as "Judge" or "Your Honor".

Address opposing parties, counsel, witnesses and court officers as "Mr.", "Mrs.", "Miss", "Dr.", etc. **DO NOT** use first names, except with children 14 years of age and younger.

DO NOT argue with the Court.

DO NOT bring food or drink items into the courtroom.

DO NOT talk at the same time as the Court, opposing counsels or witnesses. Courtroom visitors should not engage in excessive, loud talk or conversation.

Racist, sexist, obscene, profane language or gestures are prohibited in the lobby area and courtroom: unless it is pertinent to a case, and is elicited and quoting from facts in the case.

DO NOT ENTER OR DEPART THE COURTROOM or LOBBY AREA EXCESSIVELY AND DO NOT SLAM THE DOORS.

DO NOT disrupt or distract the court, counsels, witnesses or other court personnel.

RISE WHEN THE JUDGE ENTERS AND REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE JUDGE OR BAILIFF ANNOUNCES "BE SEATED", OR UNTIL THE JUDGE HAS LEFT THE COURTROOM.

It is normally inappropriate to bring small infants or young children into a court proceeding. Please refrain from doing so unless the presence of the child is necessary for the proceeding.

All property in the courtroom and reception areas must be treated with respect. No writing on any papers posted, or on any furniture.