

COURT DECORUM

The Court is charged with the responsibility of maintaining proper order and decorum. Accordingly, the Court shall require all litigants, jurors, witnesses, lawyers, and others with whom the Judge deals in an official capacity, to conduct and dress in a manner deemed fitting and respectable.

Order. Order shall be maintained at all times. Violation of this rule can result in a reprimand by the judge, expulsion from the courtroom or a contempt citation. Unless an attorney is making an objection, only one person may speak at a time. No one may talk while the judge is talking. Participants will address others respectfully. Courtrooms shall not be used as passageways.

Electronic Devices. All electronic devices must be turned off or in silent mode in the courtroom. Failure to comply will result in confiscation by the bailiff until the end of the day's docket.

Food\Drink. In order to maintain cleanliness and decorum in the courtroom, no open containers of food or drink shall be consumed in or brought in to the courtroom, except with permission of the judge.

Chewing Gum. No chewing gum in the courtroom.

Hats. All hats are to be removed while in the courtroom.

Conversations in the courtroom must be kept to a minimum and not interfere with the proceedings.

Children. Small children must be controlled. Children will be asked to leave, if their behavior causes a disturbance.

Inappropriate gestures and remarks will not be tolerated.

Seating. All persons in the courtroom shall be seated except: when addressing the judge or jury, when a seat is not available, when directed to rise by a court officer, or with permission of the judge. No leaning on or getting too close to the bench.

Reading Materials. Reading by non-participants shall not be permitted in the courtroom when it causes noise or other distractions to the participants.

Weapons. Absolutely no illegal weapons shall be brought into the courtroom, with the exception of those intended to be offered as evidence. Commissioned peace officers may bring weapons into the courtroom. The judge shall have the discretion to have any object removed from the courtroom.