

## **PROPER CONDUCT AND DRESS IN THE COURTROOM**

Your appearance is very important - People make **judgments** about you from how you are dressed. Always try to look your best while attending Court.

### **PLEASE BE ON TIME!**

The Courtroom is a place where one should show the Judge and Court respect by acting and dressing in a respectful manner and by being early, not late.

As you enter the Courthouse, you must walk through the metal detection device. It is recommended not to wear heavy metal chains, jewelry, or belts. Also, before entering the Courtroom, please turn off your cell phone and keep it off until you leave the courtroom or you risk the Bailiff seizing it.

Dress as if you are going to a job interview. Be well groomed, clean, with hair combed or styled and your clothes neat and orderly.

### **CLOTHES NOT TO WEAR TO COURT:**

#### **FOR THE MEN:**

**Do not** wear sandals, hats, tank tops, old jeans with holes, short pants, t-shirts with obscene or inappropriate sayings or comments. Make sure your pants are around your waist.

#### **FOR WOMEN:**

**Do not** wear shorts, old blue jeans, short skirts, or dresses, or revealing blouses that do not cover the mid section, and no loud colors. Look your best.

**CLOTHES TO WEAR TO COURT:**

**FOR THE MEN:**

The men should wear dress slacks, dress shirts, or short sleeve shirts with a collar. If you have a coat and tie this would be most preferable.

**FOR WOMEN:**

Women should wear conservative length skirts or dresses and blouses that cover the mid section. If wearing pants, they should be dress pants and a conservative blouse.

DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD OR BEVERAGES  
INTO THE COURTROOM. THIS INCLUDES  
CHEWING GUM AND WATER BOTTLES.

DO NOT BRING CELLULAR TELEPHONES,  
PAGERS, CAMERAS, LAPTOP COMPUTERS,  
RECORDERS, OR ANY OTHER DEVICE THAT  
MAY CAUSE A DISTRACTION TO THE  
COURT.

**ALL OF THE ABOVE IS  
ENFORCEABLE BY ORDER OF CONTEMPT**