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Court Dress Code and Conduct

All court participants must dress appropriately to maintain the dignity, decorum, and professional atmosphere of the judicial branch of our government.

Appropriate Attire:

- Males should wear a collared shirt and long pants. Sweaters are acceptable.
- Females should wear a dress, a blouse with an appropriate skirt, or long pants.
- Jeans are acceptable if they are not cut, frayed, distressed, torn, or faded.
- All pants must be worn at the waist—no sagging or low riding pants.
- Shoulders, backs, chests, and midriffs must be covered.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times.

Inappropriate Attire:

- No shorts of any type, no cut-off jeans, no T-shirts with images or messages disrespectful of the judicial process
- No flip-flops, house shoes, slippers, or heavily soiled or heavily worn footwear
- No heavily soiled work clothing
- No hats, caps or non-religious head coverings such as bandanas, scarves, sweatbands, caps, do-rags.
- Hoodies may not be pulled over the head.
- Clothing that advertises substances (drugs, alcohol, tobacco products) or language or writing that is otherwise inappropriate or offensive (sex, profanity, racial or ethnic slurs, gang-related attire, etc.) may not be worn
- For security reasons, chains, spiked accessories, and oversized jewelry are not allowed.

Required Conduct during Court

All persons in the courtroom must refrain from any action that may disrupt proceedings. Therefore, all persons must comply with the following:

- Cell phones, computers, or pagers must be turned OFF while court is in session.
- No sleeping in the courtroom or waiting areas.
- No beverages or food allowed in the courtroom.
- No reading newspapers, books, or magazines is permitted in the courtroom.
- No talking or unnecessary noise in the courtroom. No one is allowed to talk when the judge is speaking.

THE COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO HEAR ANY CASE FROM THOSE WHO FAIL TO ABIDE BY THE DRESS CODE OR CODE OF CONDUCT.

IF YOU ARE DRESSED INAPPROPRIATELY, A JUDGE MAY NOT ALLOW YOU IN THE COURTROOM.