

4.06 | HOW SHOULD I DRESS AND BEHAVE WHEN I COME TO COURT?

1. Dress nicely and conservatively.
2. Be on time.
3. You should sit in the benches in the back of the courtroom until your case is announced. The courtroom deputy may ask "counsel" to come forward and check in. You should check in with the courtroom deputy at that time. If your hearing is the only one scheduled, you may sit at the plaintiffs' or defendants' table in the center of the courtroom. The courtroom deputy will tell you where to sit.
4. When the Judge enters the courtroom, you must stand and remain standing until the Judge sits down.
5. When you speak to the Judge, call him or her "Your Honor."
6. A judge might ask you questions about your argument in a motion. If the Judge asks a question, always stop your argument and answer the Judge's question completely. When you are finished answering the question, you can go back and finish the other points you wanted to make. Always answer the Judge's questions completely and never interrupt the judge when he or she is speaking.
7. If the Judge asks you a question when you are seated at the table or away from the lectern, stand and walk up to the lectern before you answer the question.

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