



## **Courtroom Rules**

Dignity, respect, and decorum are essential to a proper courtroom atmosphere. The following requirements pertain to all parties entering the courtroom.

- Food or drink in the courtroom is not permitted;
- Cell phones and pagers must be turned off or set on silent, and all calls must be taken outside the courtroom;
- Private conversations in the courtroom must be kept to a minimum and not interfere with any proceeding;
- Please remove all hats or other headgear when entering the courtroom;
- Please remove any unruly children from the courtroom;
- Inappropriate gestures or remarks will not be tolerated;
- Proper dress code must be adhered to, for example:
  - ❖ No exposed midriffs or suggestive clothing;
  - ❖ No tank tops or halter style garments;
  - ❖ No excessively low rise jeans, pants, skirts, or shorts;
  - ❖ No exposed undergarments;
  - ❖ No garments with offensive slogans or advertising alcohol or drugs;