

## JUDGE WAYNE L. MACK

## **Courtroom Rules**

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

- When your name is called on the docket, you will be asked to approach the bench, please address the Judge as "Your Honor" or Judge Mack;
- On civil or eviction cases, you will only address questions to the Judge and not talk to each other unless questioning is in accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure."
- Electronic Recording devices in the courtroom is not permitted;
- Food or Drink in the courtroom is not permitted;
- Cell phones 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;

IT IS THE TRADITION OF THIS COURT TO HAVE A BRIEF OPENING CEREMONY THAT INCLUDES A BRIEF INVOCATION BY ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS AND PLEDGES TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND TEXAS STATE FLAG.

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT OR PARTICIPATE.