

# **418<sup>th</sup> District Court – Courtroom Rules**

1. No food, drinks, gum or candy in the courtroom.
2. Wear appropriate clothing: no shorts, thong sandals, hats, sunglasses, or revealing, dirty or unkempt clothing. All men's shirts must be tucked in and hats removed.
3. Turn off or silence all cell phones, pagers, etc., before entering the courtroom. The bailiff will take possession of any such device that makes a noise during court. No broadcasting, televising, recording or photographing of courtroom proceedings allowed.
4. Be quiet! If you need to speak with someone while you are in the courtroom, speak in a very quiet voice. The Judge must be able to give his or her full attention to the people appearing before the bench.
5. Do not approach the bench until your case is called.
6. Do not lean on any furniture or on the bench when standing before the Judge.
7. Do not move, alter or rearrange any of the courtroom equipment, including microphones, monitors, etc.
8. No public displays of affection.
9. No public displays of emotion or outbursts of anger.
10. No children in the courtroom at any time unless prior authorization given by the Judge.