

LOCAL RULE 35

COURT ROOM DECORUM

IT IS HEREBY THE ORDER OF THIS COURT THAT THE FOLLOWING DECORUM SHALL APPLY TO ANYONE ENTERING THE COURTROOM:

1. No one outside the course of official Courtroom proceedings may communicate with any venire person or sworn juror with respect to the matter being litigated. Any such attempt to communicate with or influence a member of the jury may be punished as a criminal cause of action and a criminal contempt of Court and other such sanctions deemed by the Judge to be necessary.
2. All spectators, whether media, public or family must be seated before the Court is in session and must remain in the Courtroom except for emergencies (until the next recess is called). No spectators will routinely be admitted while the Court is in session.
3. Persons in the Courtroom must remain silent during all proceedings. There will be no talking, shaking of heads in approval or disapproval of any statements, actions, rulings, testimony, or proceedings; or any other signals of approval or disapproval of the proceedings.
4. No cell phones, pagers, computers, cameras, webcams, recorders, or other equipment may be brought into the Courtroom, except as specifically permitted by the Judge.
5. No signs, banners, company or media logos, messages, clothing with messages or other distracting, disruptive, or potentially improperly prejudicial material may be brought into, worn, or displayed in the Courtroom or Courthouse.
6. The atmosphere of the Courtroom must be quiet, calm, and liberate. Evidence in a case may be complex, graphic, emotional, and sometimes very tedious. All persons attending trial must be willing to commit to a serious attitude if attending.
7. Members of the media, family, or the public must be seated in the gallery at all times, except as permitted by the Judge's order.
8. Children are only permitted in the Courtroom if they can conform their demeanor and conduct to that required of adults in this Court.