



COUNTY COURT

COLORADO COUNTY

TY PRAUSE, JUDGE April 28, 2015

General Rules of Decorum and Courtroom Conduct

(a) All officers of the court except the Judge and jurors, and all other participants, except witnesses who have been placed under the rule, shall promptly enter the courtroom before the scheduled time for each court session. When the Court is called to order, complete order should be observed.

(b) In the courtroom, there shall be:

- (1) no tobacco use;
- (2) no chewing gum use;
- (3) no food or drink;
- (4) no propping of feet on tables or chairs;
- (5) no flip-flop shoes;
- (6) no baggy/saggy pants that show undergarments;
- (7) no behavior that is disruptive or disrespectful of court proceedings;
- (8) no noise or talking that interferes with court proceedings, including but not limited to cell phones and digital pagers.

(c) All officers of the court and participants shall dress appropriately for court sessions:

- (1) NO SHORTS, CAPRI PANTS, MINI SKIRTS, OR TANK TOPS;
- (2) NO T-SHIRTS WITH RACIAL, ETHNIC OR SEXUAL PHRASES;
- (3) MEN SHALL REMOVE HATS OR BALL CAPS BEFORE ENTERING THE COURTROOM.

(d) The Judge, attorneys, and other officers of the court will refer to and address other court officers or participants in the proceeding respectfully and impersonally, by using appropriate titles and surnames rather than first names.

Conduct of Attorneys

(a) Attorneys should always observe the letter and spirit of all canons of ethics;

(b) Attorneys should advise their clients and witnesses of local rules of decorum that may be applicable;

(c) All objections, arguments, and other comments by counsel shall be directed to the Judge, or jury and not to opposing counsel.