

Information regarding Court Appearances, Procedure, Policy, Attire, Decorum

It is a criminal offense to fail to appear in Court (if you fail to appear, an arrest warrant will issue) upon receipt of notice or to influence or coerce a witness to elude legal process, or to harm or to threaten to harm a prospective witness, or to prevent or delay anyone's service as a witness.

You have the right (1) to have an attorney represent you, or (2) to represent yourself. You may request the court to appoint an attorney, based on your financial status. A court-appointed attorney is not necessarily a free attorney. If you request a court appointed attorney, you may be required to reimburse the cost of the attorney depending on the outcome of your case.

You may not reschedule a case by telephone. Do not contact the clerk's office or the court seeking legal help or advice. Assistance of this nature is forbidden.

You must come to court dressed appropriately. **DO NOT** wear shorts, revealing clothing, hats, or sunglasses. Do not read newspapers in the courtroom. Dispose of all food items, including gum, prior to entering the courtroom.

All pagers/cell phones must be turned OFF. Recording equipment (audio/video) is not allowed. This includes cameras and cell phones.

If a defendant moves/changes their address, it is their responsibility to notify the County Court at Law Clerk's Office in person or in writing by notarized letter, with a copy of your driver's license attached. It is the defendant's responsibility to know when they are supposed to be in court.