

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.