

St. Louis County Circuit Court

Code of Conduct

While it is not necessary to "dress up" to come to court, all members of the public should dress in a respectful and appropriate manner in keeping with the dignity and serious nature of court proceedings. Individuals wearing inappropriate clothing may be excluded from the courtroom by the judge or the bailiff.

This means:

- **NO** sunglasses
- **NO** hats, except those worn for religious purposes
- **NO** shorts
- **NO** tank tops, halter tops or bare midriffs
- **NO** exposed underwear or sleepwear
- **NO** clothing with messages or images that are obscene, intimidating or contain sexual or drug references
- **NO** flip-flops or bedroom slippers

NO cameras, cell phones or other electronic devices used to make photographs, video or audio recordings will be allowed inside the courtroom. NO recordings of court proceedings may be made in the hallways adjacent to the courtrooms, or through courtroom windows.

Children are allowed in the courtroom with their families as long as their presence is not disruptive.

Smoking, gum-chewing, food and drink are not permitted.

Attorneys are responsible for informing their clients of these guidelines. If a client is excluded from the courtroom for inappropriate dress or behavior, that is not an excuse for tardiness or failure to appear for any court hearing.