

## **Courtroom Etiquette**

A court session begins when the judge takes his or her place on the bench, and the court official announces the opening of court. A similar procedure is used when court adjourns.

Common courtesy and politeness are safe guides. Jurors will be treated with consideration. Their comfort and convenience will be served whenever possible. They should bring to the attention of the judge any matter affecting their service and should notify the court of any emergencies. In the event of a personal emergency a juror may send word to the judge through any court personnel, or may ask to see the judge privately.

Food or drinks should not be brought into the courtroom, without permission of the judge.

Cell phones should be turned off or set to vibrate.

Pagers should be turned off or set to vibrate.

There is no dress code and jurors should dress comfortably. We do ask that jurors use good judgment in attire (no shorts, must wear shoes, etc).