

## Do's & Don'ts for Appearing in Court



- ✓ **DO** look respectable and respectful.
- ✓ **DO** wear a sport coat and tie or business casual—accepted courtroom attire.
- ✓ **DO** wear a sport or knit shirt or blouse if you are not wearing a tie and jacket.
- ✓ **DO** wear pants, but no baggy or below-the-waist pants.
- ✗ **DO NOT** display underwear or undershirts.
- ✗ **DO NOT** wear jeans with holes.
- ✓ **DO** wear shoes, but not sneakers.
- ✗ **DO NOT** wear flip-flops or sandals.
- ✓ **DO** wear simple, discreet jewelry. A watch, ring, and simple earrings for women are acceptable.
- ✗ **DO NOT** wear earrings if you are male.
- ✗ **DO NOT** emphasize body piercings, other than in the ears.
- ✗ **DO NOT** chew gum.
- ✗ **DO NOT** wear hats or sunglasses indoors.
- ✓ **DO** cover all tattoos.

—C.G.