

Section Five

Courtroom Behavior



When you go to Court, how should you dress?





How to dress for Court :

• Be clean and well groomed







How to dress for Court :

• Don't forget to comb your hair









How to dress for Court :

• Your clothing should be clean and neat









When you go to Court, how should you act?





• Don't gesture or call out to your relatives or friends who are in the courtroom





- Be respectful to the Judge
- Address the Judge as "Your Honor"
- Thank you, Your Honor,
- Always stand up when you speak to the Judge



• Also show respect to the attorneys, bailiff, court employees and witnesses.





• Sit quietly next to your attorney



• Pay attention and listen to what is being said





Speak out loud ONLY when the Judge asks you a question





- Whisper or write a note to your attorney when:
 - someone says something you don't understand, or
 - to tell or ask your attorney about something





What should you do if you're asked a question you don't understand?



If you're asked a question that you don't understand :

- Ask to have the question repeated
- If you're still unsure,



ask to have the question reworded or explained

keep asking until you do understand



What should you do if a witness says something that's not true?





If someone says something that's not true

- Whisper or write a note to your attorney







• Don't make comments, gestures, or facial expressions to the witnesses





What will happen if you are Rude? Disrespectful? Angry? in the Courtroom?





Rude? Disrespectful? Angry?

- Scolded by the Judge
- Restrained by the Bailiff
- Removed from the courtroom
- Contempt of Court = fine and /or jail time

