

Rule 5072-1

Courtroom Decorum

(a) Announcement of Representation. When the case is called, counsel or, if applicable, a *pro se* litigant must announce his/her name and the name of the party he/she represents for the record. Attorneys shall stand behind the lectern, unless otherwise authorized by the court, speaking loudly and clearly, making sure they are speaking directly in front of the microphone when addressing the court.

(b) One counsel per party. Unless leave of court is obtained in advance, only one counsel for each separate interest may conduct the examination of any one witness, present argument, or make objections with respect to the testimony of that witness. There shall be no oral confrontation or colloquy between opposing attorneys. All counsel, parties and witnesses shall be formally addressed by their surnames.

(c) Offer and Marking of Exhibits. Counsel must have any proposed exhibit marked for identification and give a copy to opposing counsel before referring to, using, or offering the exhibit into evidence.

(d) Objections. All objections must be stated with specificity prior to any argument or explanation of the same; e.g., leading, hearsay, improper foundation, etc.

(e) Witness Box. During the testimony of a witness, attorneys may only examine the witness from the lectern and may not approach the witness box except to present to the witness an exhibit pertinent to the examination, and only upon leave of court.

(f) Courtroom Attire. All persons attending or appearing before the court must dress in appropriate attire. The court reserves the right to dismiss individuals from the courtroom if they are dressed inappropriately.