

**ISLAND COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE  
POSTED PER LCR 77(b)(1)(A) AND RCW 2.28.010**

**THE FOLLOWING CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE SHALL APPLY WHEN COURT IS IN SESSION:**

1. No firearms or other weapons, including knives, shall be allowed in the courtroom.
2. No food or drinks, except water, shall be allowed in the courtroom.
3. All persons shall silence or turn off all cell phones and pagers when in the courtroom.
4. No audio or video recording of any kind shall be allowed in the courtroom, except by official court personnel and to the extent permitted by the Judge in accordance to GR 16.
5. All persons in the courtroom shall be attired in a manner appropriate to the dignity and decorum of the courtroom setting. As minimum standards, the following rules shall apply:
  - a. All persons in the courtroom shall be fully clothed and wear shoes.
  - b. Shorts, halter-tops, tank tops, hats, caps, torn clothing, shirts, or other clothing with obscene or profane pictures or messages, and “flip-flop” footwear, shall not be worn or permitted.
  - c. Attorneys shall wear professionally appropriate attire.
6. All persons in the courtroom shall in their speech and actions conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the dignity, decorum, and seriousness of the courtroom setting. As minimum standards, the following rules shall apply:
  - a. Spectators and persons not then actively engaged in court proceedings shall be quiet; any conversation which does occur shall be as unobtrusive as possible and may be halted by the judge if disruptive to the proceeding.
  - b. All persons shall refrain from any gestures and conduct or behavior, which manifests disrespect for the court, counsel, litigants, witnesses, court staff, law enforcement personnel, or other persons in the court.
  - c. Children under 12 shall be closely controlled by adults outside the courtrooms, unless their presence in the courtroom is required in connection with a case being heard of with express permission from the court.