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### COURTROOM ETIQUETTE

1. The courtroom is a formal place so when you have to go to court dress like you're going to church. In other words, nice clothes not casual clothes. For women this means a skirt and blouse. No athletic shoes, shorts, jeans or T-shirts. For men it's a coat and tie if you've got it. If you don't have that then a white shirt and tie. If you don't have that then a shirt and slacks. No shorts, no shoulders showing, ripped jeans, T-shirts, polo (golf) shirts, jeans or athletic clothes.
2. At the courthouse you have to go through a metal detector. Leave your pocket knife, scissors, razors and other sharp objects at home.
3. The bailiff gets to keep any cell phone that goes off in the courtroom so leave your cell phone in the car. If you just have to have it with you at all times then put the ringer on silent mode before you go in the courthouse.
4. You can sit anywhere in the courtroom you like as long as you're behind the "bar". That's the little fence that separates the judge and lawyers from the rest of the spectators. If you are meeting your lawyer in the courtroom in Harris County then try to sit in the first pew on the right as you come in the door at the very back of the courtroom. That way he'll know where to look for you. In any other county sit anywhere you like - no two courtrooms are ever alike.