

How To Make The Best Impression When Going To Court



Do you have to attend court soon? Need some help with how to present yourself in court? Dressing appropriately for a court date means choosing attire that reflects not only you but professionalism and respect.

Learn the importance of wearing appropriate attire for a court appearance, how to get ready on time, and how to dress for success to enter the courthouse with confidence.

Preparing For Your Day In Court

You want to be as prepared as possible when you step

into the courtroom, and that includes the way you present yourself. Whether you are there to deal with a traffic ticket or a more complex legal case, you want to make the best impression of how you look.

Generally speaking, when you look good, you feel good about yourself, and that may help when you might be anxious about an upcoming court date. Here are some tips for what to wear and how to make the best impression for your case.



Tips For Dressing For Success In The Court Room

- **Business Casual** - You don't necessarily have to go out of your way to wear a suit and tie, but you are aiming to look professional. A nice pair of pants, a

clean shirt or blouse, and mid to low-heeled shoes in good condition will work just as well. If you do wear a suit and tie, opt for solid neutral colors that complement each other.

Skirts should be at least knee-length or below the knee, and jackets should be a close but comfortable fitting. Try to avoid multi-color patterns, mismatched clothing, shoes that are falling apart, and overly revealing attire. If you choose to wear make-up, consider lighter colors instead of bold lipsticks or overpowering eyeshadow shades.

- **General Grooming And Accessories** - Pay attention to detail, make sure your fingernails are clean, your hair is neatly styled, and you have exercised basic hygiene, such as cleaning your teeth and bathing before dressing for court. People do notice things such as unpleasant odors, chipped nail polish, or greasy-looking unkempt hair.

Keep accessories to a minimum, especially if you are in court over a financial hardship situation. Wearing flashy jewelry may give others the wrong impression. Simple accessories such as your everyday watch or a plain-colored bracelet are suitable enough. If you

wear glasses, make sure they are clean and free from dust, fingerprints, and dirt.

- **Make The Right Impression** - The court needs to see the very best of you, so clothing items such as ripped t-shirts or jeans, mini skirts, sportswear, or anything containing offensive logos are not seen as appropriate for a courtroom. Dirty or stained clothing, overpowering fragrances, flip-flops, and sunglasses (unless medically required) are not recommended for attending a court date.

Allow plenty of time to prepare for your court appearance. Make sure you have enough time to get ready and arrive early at the court. If needed, find out where the court is and where you need to go before the day of your court date. Have all the documents you are going to need for court and double-check that you have everything before you leave home.



What If I Am Already In Jail Awaiting A Court Date?

Depending on the nature and circumstances of your case, you may have the opportunity to wear civilian clothing for your court appearance.

For those who attend court in jail clothing, you may still have the opportunity to bathe or shower prior to attending court. Brush and style your hair, wash your hands, clean your teeth, and cleanse your face.

Are You Ready?

Dressing for success may have a positive impact on your case, so it is worth investing time to prepare and arrive early at the court. You want the court to see you in the best possible light, so how you are dressed is very important.

Contact Us

We know that the very thought of attending court can be a stressful experience, and you may feel you need a good attorney at your side.

Call us today at 479 747 3693 to schedule an initial appointment to discuss your case, and see if we can help you through the process.

