

Judge Garcia Courtroom Proceeding

1. Counsel and parties should be seated at counsel table ready to proceed no less than five minutes before the Court's scheduled starting time.
2. On trailing calendar proceedings, including all preliminary criminal proceedings, special requests to advance or delay appearance times due to counsel's scheduling conflicts may be presented to the Court's courtroom deputy.
3. Please determine well in advance of trial if there is a need for court interpreters for civil cases. The Court's courtroom deputy can assist counsel in locating qualified interpreters for civil proceedings. In all criminal cases, the Court will supply certified interpreters.
4. Gum chewing is not permitted in court. Counsel should ensure that parties, witnesses, as well as any friends, family or courtroom observers properly dispose of gum in appropriate receptacles prior to entering the courtroom.
5. All cell phones and pagers must be turned off so as not to disrupt court proceedings. Counsel should advise their clients and witnesses as well to turn off pagers and cell phones.
6. Counsel should question witnesses from the podium and approach the witness stand or jury box only with the Court's permission.
7. Speaking objections are prohibited. Counsel should simply state the objection and the basis for the objection without argument, i.e., "Objection. Hearsay," or "Objection. Leading."
8. Opposing counsel should not respond to objections unless the Court specifically requests a response.
9. Please stand when the jury enters or leaves the courtroom; stand also when stating objections or addressing the Court.