

Judge Rozzoni Courtroom Proceedings

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 because of 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. Supervisory Court Interpreter Melinda Gonzalez-Hibner at 505-348-2092 may be able to assist counsel in locating qualified interpreters for civil proceedings. In all criminal cases, the Court will supply certified interpreters.
4. Notify the Court at least two weeks in advance of trial if you need audio-visual or other special equipment. You are responsible for operating the equipment. Please visit www.nmd.uscourts.gov/courtroom-technology for more information. For training on use of the equipment, please contact Courtroom Deputy Carla Lopez at 505-348-2021 and schedule training at least two weeks before trial.
5. Gum chewing is not permitted in court. Counsel should ensure that all parties, witnesses, as well as any friends, family, or courtroom observers properly dispose of gum in appropriate receptacles prior to entering the courtroom.
6. All cell phones and pagers must be turned off so as not to disrupt court proceedings. Counsel should advise their clients and witnesses to turn off pagers and cell phones.
7. Stand when addressing the court, as well as when the jury enters or leaves the courtroom. Do not refer to any party or attorney by their first name. Always use surnames. Do not argue with opposing counsel in the presence of the jury.
8. Counsel should question witnesses from the podium and approach the witness or jury box only with the Court's permission.
9. 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." Opposing counsel should not respond to objections unless the Court specifically requests a response.