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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #12

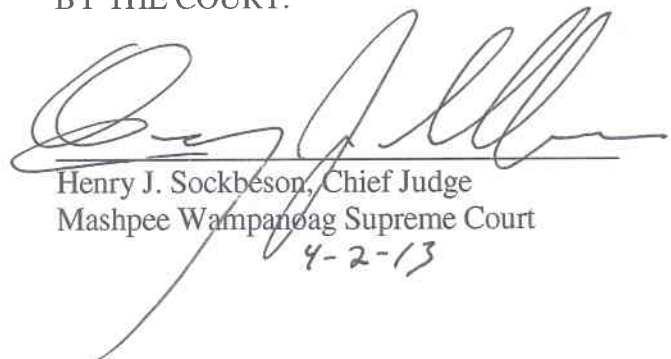
RULES OF COURTROOM BEHAVIOR

1. These rules of conduct apply to attorneys and all other persons observing or participating in a court hearing.
2. Wear clean and neat clothing without tears. Dress as though you were going to a job interview. Shorts, tank tops, cut-offs, baggy pants and T-shirts are not permitted. Unless compelled by religious belief, a hat must not be worn in the Courtroom.
3. Be on time. If you are late your matter could be dismissed. At the very least, it will be rescheduled to a convenient time for the Court.
4. Turn off your cell phone. You may be fined if court proceedings are interrupted by a ringing cell phone. Use of a cell phone during court proceedings is strictly prohibited.
5. You will be treated with dignity and respect and the Court expects the same courtesy.
6. Address the Judge as “Your Honor” or “Judge.”
7. When addressing the Judge or other parties remove all gum, candy tobacco products or other items from your mouth. Speak clearly.
8. No food, drinks or use of tobacco products are allowed in the Courtroom. There may be water available at counsel table.
9. When the Judge enters the Courtroom it is customary to rise and remain standing until the Judge is seated. At that time you may be seated.

10. When addressing the Judge in open court you must stand.
11. Do not address the other party directly. Make your arguments to the Judge and not the other party. The other party should be referred to as Mr., Miss or Ms. Never use first names.
12. Be respectful, not just to the Judge but to all participants in the proceeding. Do not interrupt any party, lawyer or the Judge when they are speaking. The proceedings are being tape recorded and it is not possible to get a clear recording if more than one person is speaking at once.
13. The Judge is not permitted to assist pro se parties (i.e. parties who choose to represent themselves). If you are representing yourself it is your responsibility to prepare and present your case in the proper manner. If you are unprepared, unaware or not able to properly present your case, you may well lose your case.
14. Talking is not permitted during Court sessions. If a party needs to speak to his or her attorney you should do so in a whisper.
15. The use of audio or video recording equipment, within the Courtroom, at any time is strictly prohibited.
16. Do not bring children under the age of ten. Any children in attendance must be informed of and be able to understand these rules and follow them.
17. You may bring a friend for moral support, but that person must remain silent.
18. If you violate these rules you may be fined or required to leave the Courtroom. Your case could also be dismissed.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2013

BY THE COURT:



Henry J. Sockbeson, Chief Judge  
Mashpee Wampanoag Supreme Court  
4-2-13