

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HAMPSHIRE, HARDY AND PENDLETON COUNTIES, WEST VIRGINIA**

IN RE: APPROPRIATE DRESS AND ATTIRE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all persons shall wear appropriate dress and attire. The following clothing is **NOT** permitted in a Courtroom or hearing room: shorts, miniskirts, sleeveless shirts, tube tops, halter tops, bathing suits, swimming trunks, sleepwear, hats, see-through clothing, clothes with excessive rips or holes, or clothing with vulgar, obscene, or sexually explicit language, pictures, or scenes. All clothing shall be clean. **No hats** shall be worn inside the Judicial Center or Courthouse.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that shoes are required to be worn in the Judicial Center or Courthouse. All shoes shall be clean, without excessive mud, dirt, snow, or debris.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to West Virginia Trial Court Rule 4.07: "Counsel shall at all court appearances present themselves attired in a manner befitting their profession and indicative of their respect for the court, and shall admonish their clients and witnesses concerning inappropriate courtroom attire."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that persons violating this Administrative Order may be barred or removed from the Courtroom or hearing room, may be fined, and may be ordered to return to Court in appropriate and acceptable clothing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Administrative Order shall become effective immediately upon entry and shall be prominently posted at each Judicial Center and Courthouse in this Circuit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Circuit Court for each County in the Twenty-Sixth Judicial Circuit shall record this Order in their respective Administrative Order Book.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Circuit Court for each County in the Twenty-Sixth Judicial Circuit shall send a copy of this Administrative Order to the Administrative Office, Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Bldg. One, Room E-100, Charleston, WV 25305.

ENTERED on this 29th day of January, 2025.


H. CHARLES CARL, III, CHIEF JUDGE
TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT