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Important Notice: Dress and Conduct in Virtual Proceedings

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LR 83.16 and LCrR 53.2 (the local civil and criminal “Dress and Conduct” rules) provide:

All persons present in a courtroom where a trial, hearing, or other proceeding is in progress must dress and conduct themselves in a manner demonstrating respect for the court. The presiding judge shall have the discretion to establish appropriate standards of dress and conduct.

During the current pandemic, many court proceedings are being conducted virtually. Unless otherwise expressly permitted by the presiding judge, participants must dress and conduct themselves as if in a courtroom. Business attire is appropriate for attorneys. Certain clothing items, such as a golf shirt, t-shirt, tank top, halter top, athletic wear, lounge wear, hat, and sunglasses, are not appropriate in a court proceeding, whether virtual or in-person. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the presiding judge shall have the discretion to establish appropriate standards of dress and conduct.

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