

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN AND
FOR MONROE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 11.010/08-1

IN RE:

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE
_____ :

WHEREAS, it is befitting the dignity of the Courts appropriate attire be observed; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the respect that is due the people's courts when in session and the duty of the judges to require such respect, there is a desire on the part of the judiciary of the 16th Judicial Circuit to establish a single circuit wide policy defining appropriate attire and its enforcement, it is

ORDERED that:

WITNESSES AND LITIGANTS

1. The following dress shall be adhered to by all witnesses and litigants appearing in court or chambers or so near thereto as to be under the court's authority or jurisdiction:
 - A. Tank tops, strapless attire, and attire exposing the midriff are prohibited.
 - B. Shorts are prohibited except for children under twelve years of age.
 - C. Shoes or sandals are required except for children under six years of age.
 - D. The wearing of hats or caps is prohibited unless worn for religious reasons.
 - E. Items of clothing displaying obscene messages or obscene graphics are not permitted.

VISITORS AND SPECTATORS

2. The following dress shall be adhered to by all visitors and spectators in court or chambers:
 - A. Shoes or sandals are required except for children under six years of age.
 - B. The wearing of hats or caps is prohibited unless worn for religious reasons.
 - C. Items of clothing displaying obscene messages or obscene graphics are not permitted.

ATTORNEYS

3. Attorneys appearing for non-emergency matters whether in court or chambers shall adhere to the following dress:

A. Coats and ties are required for men.

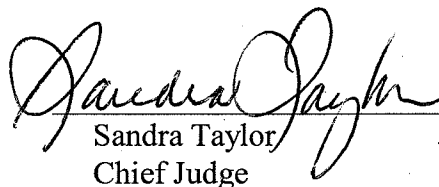
B. Business dresses, or suits including pantsuits, or jackets with skirts or with pants are required for women.

4. All bailiffs of this circuit are required to enforce these rules and regulations at the direction of the presiding judge. Witnesses and litigants inappropriately attired may be directed to sit in the back row(s) of the courtroom and may be heard at the end of the docket if so directed by the presiding judge.

All attorneys as officers of the court are requested to encourage their clients and witnesses to comply with this Order.

This order takes effect upon the date of execution.

DONE AND ORDERED, at Key West, Monroe County, Florida, this the 3rd day of October, 2008.



Sandra Taylor
Chief Judge