

## **DIVISION 18**

### **GUIDELINES FOR COURTROOM DECORUM**

- Parties shall be dressed appropriately for court. (Local Rule 9.4)
- When appearing in this division, unless excused by the Court, all counsel (including all persons at the counsel table) shall:
  - Stand as court is opened, recessed or adjourned
  - Stand when the jury enters or retires from the courtroom
  - Stand when addressing or being addressed by the Court
  - Request permission of the Court to approach the witness
  - Address all remarks, other than examination of the witness, to the Court not to opposing counsel.
  - Avoid disparaging personal remarks toward opposing counsel.
- Only one attorney for each party shall examine or cross-examine each witness. The attorney stating the objections, if any, during direct examination shall be the attorney recognized for cross-examination and vice versa. Each party will have two opportunities to examine a witness.
- There shall be no speaking objections. Always approach the bench (except perhaps for objections such as “leading,” “hearsay,” “asked and answered”).
- Adverse witnesses and parties shall be treated with fairness and consideration. No abusive language or offensive personal references will be tolerated.