

## **Rule 161**

### **COURTROOM DECORUM**

- (a) When present during a court proceeding, an attorney or party must—through conduct, demeanor, and attire—show respect for the dignity and authority of the court, and the proceedings must be maintained as an objective search for the applicable facts and the correct principles of law.
- (b) Except as permitted under Rule 1001, photographic or electronic recording is not allowed.
- (c) Unless otherwise authorized by local rule or permitted by the court:
  - (1) An attorney or party must stand, if physically able, when addressed by the court or when speaking to the court;
  - (2) An attorney or party must stand, if physically able, when interrogating a witness and should refrain from moving about unless necessary to present an exhibit or otherwise assist the court; and
  - (3) Only one attorney may examine or cross-examine a witness on behalf of all parties united in interest.

**[History:** Am. effective September 8, 2006; Restyled rule and amended effective July 1, 2012.]