

TRIAL PROTOCOL

1. All persons addressed by title and surname.
2. Permission must be obtained to approach the bench, the clerk or a witness.
3. No questioning a witness or delivering opening statements or closing arguments until permission granted to begin.
4. No speaking objections. If objecting, stand and state the legal basis for the objection. No response from opposing counsel unless requested.
5. Stand at all times when addressing the bench.
6. No food, water bottles or other liquid containers allowed in the courtroom. Water carafes and cups are provided.
7. Do not ask the court to declare a witness an expert. It is up to the party calling the witness to lay a sufficient predicate for opinion testimony, and it is up to the opposing party to object if the predicate is insufficient.
8. Counsel are free to move about the courtroom, but do not invade the jurors' space.