

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**

STATEMENT OF COURT POLICY REGARDING DRESS  
AND ATTIRE AND GUIDELINES THEREFOR

The Courthouses, Courtrooms, and grounds of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia exist for the purpose of conducting the judicial business of the public in a dignified, orderly, and professional manner. Court facilities provide a locus in which judicial officers, court officers and officials, and other participants in the legal process can resolve civil and criminal disputes in an atmosphere of reverence and respect for the rule of law. This Court Policy is designed to maintain the dignity of all courthouse facilities and the integrity of the legal process taking place therein. Behavior, conditions, or attire not conducive to the dignified and orderly operation of official court business are hereby prohibited. All Court proceedings except those before the Grand Jury or otherwise sealed shall be and remain open to the public.

GENERAL ORDER

Upon the foregoing, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that all persons entering the United States Courtrooms for the Southern District of Georgia shall be dressed and attired as follows:

Attorneys at Law, Jurors, and Employees of the Southern District of Georgia:

1. All male attorneys shall wear professional business attire; i.e., dress pants, coat and tie. Absent sufficient cause, the wearing of athletic type shoes or shoes without socks is not authorized.
2. All female attorneys shall wear professional business attire; i.e., dresses, skirts or pantsuits with appropriate tops and footwear. Absent sufficient cause, athletic type shoes are not authorized.
3. All male jurors are expected to wear slacks, collared shirts, coat and tie.
4. All female jurors are expected to wear business-like dresses, skirts, or pantsuits.
5. Employees of the United States District Court, United States Bankruptcy Court, and

the United States Probation Office for the Southern District of Georgia are expected to dress in a professional, business-like manner and to present themselves in a neat and well-groomed manner whenever they are on Courthouse premises.

Parties, Witnesses, Spectators, Law Enforcement, and other persons (not including persons in custody):

1. All males shall wear trousers, collared shirts, shoes, and socks. Sandals or flip flops are not permitted. Jeans or other denim clothing are not permitted. No clothing shall be worn that reveals undergarments. Hats or headgear worn as apparel or accessory shall be removed and shall remain removed while the individual remains in the building. Sunglasses shall be removed.
2. All females shall wear slacks, dresses, or skirts no more than two inches above the knee in length and appropriate footwear. Sweaters, jackets, and shirts must have at least quarter-length sleeves and have a business-like appearance. Shirts and blouses shall not reveal any undergarments or a bare mid-section. Jeans or other denim clothing are not permitted. Headgear of any kind shall be removed and shall remain removed while the individual remains in the building. However, tasteful formal hats, scarves, or shawls may be worn unless likely to obstruct the vision of others. Sunglasses shall be removed.
3. Any member of the Armed Services of the United States whose presence within any courthouse is necessary or desirable may wear a uniform approved by the command and consonant with the needs of the service. The same shall apply to law enforcement personnel whose presence is necessary. Sunglasses shall be removed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all persons entering the United States Courthouses for the Southern District of Georgia shall adhere to the following general guidelines and prohibitions with regards to appearance and attire:

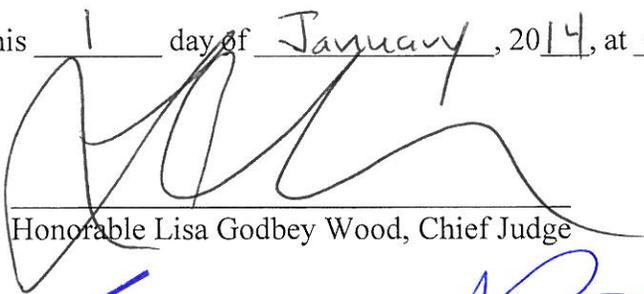
1. Bare feet, shorts, sleeveless shirts, tank tops, undershirts, or any arrangement of clothing which reveals undergarments or a bare mid-section are prohibited.
2. Clothing or body parts that are dirty, malodorous, greasy, potentially injurious, offensive, or which otherwise adversely affect the orderly conduct of business are not permitted.
3. Pickets, signs, or any clothing which attempts to display any message relating to any pending case or class of cases are prohibited.
4. All clothing, accessories, or tattoos which display writing, script, or images of a profane, sexual, blasphemous, offensive, or infamous nature must be concealed.

5. The use of chewing gum, toothpicks, and tobacco products is prohibited inside a courthouse.
6. Packs, bags, boxes, suitcases, or other containers containing clothing, bedding, or other such belongings are not permitted; provided, however, that attorneys at law, jurors, witnesses, and others whose presence for court proceedings requires overnight travel may enter with such items, and after inspection, leave such items in an appropriate place provided by Court Security Officers.
7. Weapons, cameras, computers, tablets, and communications and/or electronic devices (such as pagers, cellular telephones, PDAs, recording devices, and computers) are not permitted without prior court approval.

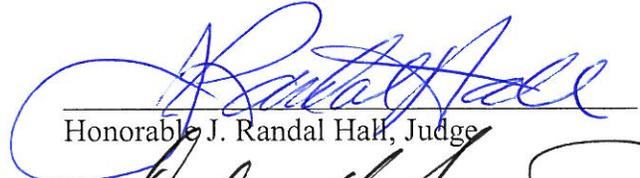
Persons who are incapable of complying with said Order because of religious reasons, indigence, or some mental or physical impairment may be granted an exemption from this Policy upon a satisfactory showing to a presiding judicial officer. Should the United States Attorney or a lead Court Security Officer deem it appropriate to relax any standard herein within the confines of areas of his control, reasonable accommodations may be made for good cause shown.

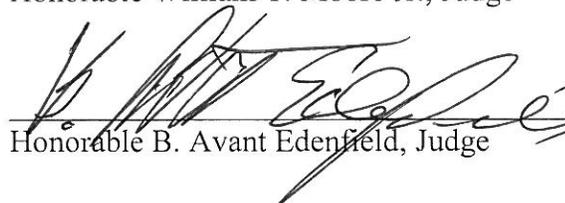
This Order shall be served upon the United States Marshal and filed in the minutes of each division of the United States Clerk's Office for this District.

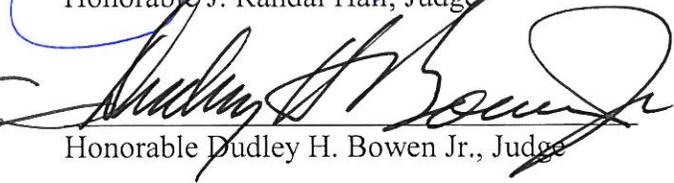
SO ORDERED this 1 day of January, 2014, at Savannah,  
Georgia

  
Honorable Lisa Godbey Wood, Chief Judge

  
Honorable William T. Moore Jr., Judge

  
Honorable J. Randal Hall, Judge

  
Honorable B. Avant Edenfield, Judge

  
Honorable Dudley H. Bowen Jr., Judge