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**JOHNSTON COUNTY BAR
 COURTROOM DRESS CODE, ETC. ORDER**

Effective the first week of May 2015, new policies will be implemented in District Court relating to dress, cell phones, drinks and beverages. Please assure, to the extent possible, that your clients are aware of this policy.

Although court personnel is exempt from the policy, please be aware that as officers of the court, we set an example. I trust that we all will be mindful that if we participate in activities that the public is prohibited from doing in the courthouse, it will only cast another disparaging mark against the court system. Please be aware that there is criticism of how attorneys are dressed for court. Part of the responsibility of being an attorney is to demonstrate respect for the legal system. Respect for the system includes dress and to dress as professionals.

I trust that as we expect respect for the legal system from society, we will do everything possible to promote respect for the system as well. It is my belief that attorneys in Johnston County will do everything possible to promote a positive image of the court system.

Thanks for all you do for the court system. It is not always easy, but we all have to work together to make the system work. I am proud to be part of a group who adheres to this philosophy.

If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

April 14th, 2015

 Jacquelyn L. Lee
 Chief District Court Judge

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April 2, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

RE: Courtroom Decorum

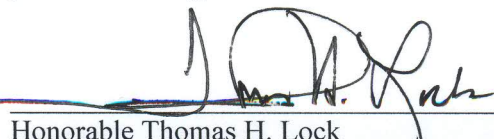
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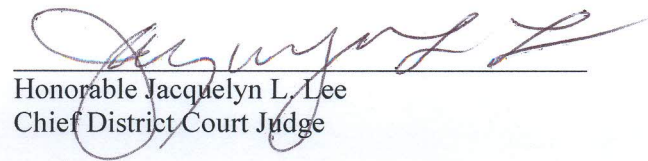
This administrative order applies to the conduct and dress of those who enter the courtroom. Court proceedings shall be conducted in a manner that protects the dignity and seriousness of the proceedings. Conduct by any person that may interfere with the decorum of the court is prohibited and may result in removal of that person from the court, or other sanctions.

PERSONS ENTERING ARE SUBJECT TO ELECTRONIC SEARCH.

- **NO** – hats, sunglasses, shorts, low-cut or strapless tops, pajamas
- **NO** – skirts that do not extend to at least the middle of the thigh while sitting; shirrtails must be tucked in
- **NO** – exposed underwear, midriffs, stomachs or buttocks
- **NO** – slacks, trousers, or jeans that can only be supported by the wearer's hands
- **NO** – bare feet, bedroom slippers or flip flops
- **NO** – offensive, violent, obscene, or suggestive slogans or caricatures shall be displayed on clothing
- **NO** – chewing gum, candy, tobacco, electronic cigarettes, food, or drink/beverage
- **NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED IN COURTROOMS**

The Clerk of Court shall post this order outside the courtroom door in a manner that is readily visible to persons entering the courtroom.


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