

# **COURTROOM PROTOCOL**

**Hon. John C. Hinderaker  
United States District Judge**



Stand at the lectern when addressing the court.

Stand when making objections.

Refer to persons, including witnesses, counsel and parties by their surnames. Everyone has a title: Ms., Mr., Dr., etc.

Request permission to approach the witness or the bench.

Address all remarks to the judge, not to opposing counsel.

Request permission (and help if needed) to use courtroom audio visual equipment. Ask to meet with the courtroom deputy before trial or a hearing if you need an orientation.

To help create opportunities for less experienced lawyers to argue motions, the Court will allow a more seasoned lawyer to follow up with additional arguments or clarification. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please alert the Court before the argument begins.

(Ensure that your staff, clients, and witnesses abide by these requirements)