

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court 10040 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 (480) 362-6315

In the Matter of:

Standards of Courtesy and Decorum for the Courts of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 25-0002

Pursuant to the authority of the Presiding Judge as articulated in S.R.O § 4.211, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court rescinds Administrative Order No. 18-004, adopted August 24, 2018, and adopts Standards of Courtesy and Decorum for the Courts of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, effective immediately. The new standards are adopted to reflect changes in SRPMIC law, technology in the courtroom, and current practice in the Community Courts.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Administrative Order No. 18-0004 is rescinded in its entirety and Administrative Order No. 25-0002 is hereby adopted and effective August 4, 2025.

STANDARDS OF COURTESY AND DECORUM FOR THE COURTS OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

I. Purpose

In order to promote a dignified and respectful setting in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court, the following minimum standards of courtroom conduct and decorum are promulgated. Each judge presiding over a matter shall be guided by these standards; however, the judge is not restricted from adjusting these standards relevant to the case and parties before him or her. In general, the best behavior standards in all situations consist of common sense, civility, courtesy, respect and good manners. Everyone in the Community Court has a duty to uphold the highest standards of conduct and professionalism.

II. Conduct standards applicable to everyone in the courtrooms and public areas of the court building

- 1. No person under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be allowed in the court building and courtrooms. Individuals who suspect another person is under the influence of drugs or alcohol in a courtroom shall bring the matter to the attention of the judge.
- 2. No person shall bring a weapon of any type in the courtrooms and court building, except for police officers performing regular or stand by duty pursuant to a judge's request. The court security officer on duty will determine what constitutes a weapon.
- 3. Cell phones, laptops, and other electronic devices must be silenced upon entering a

courtroom. Recording of courtroom proceedings is strictly prohibited.

- 4. Smoking, eating, gum chewing, and consuming food are prohibited in the courtrooms. In the courtroom, water may be consumed from water bottles provided by the Court. Personal bottles, cups and mugs are not allowed. Otherwise, food and drink may only be consumed in the court's entrance lobby and other designated areas.
- 5. Business casual attire is required for parties, advocates and attorneys.
- 6. Gang clothing is absolutely prohibited. It is unlawful to participate or promote a criminal street gang by intentionally wearing or displaying criminal street gang clothing or attire at a Community event or Community building or facility. S.R.O. § 6-8(b) (6). "Gang clothing" means "anything displaying gang insignias, monikers, color patterns, bandannas, hats, jewelry, clothing, belts, or any other clothing or personal property with any gang significance." S.R.O. § 6-7 (a).
- 7. There shall be no disruptive and inappropriate gestures, facial expressions, noises and communications during courtroom proceedings, which can include talking, whispering, note passing or other distractions.
- 8. Stand, if physically able, when Court is opened, adjourned or recessed and when Jury enters and exits.
- 9. Profane language and gestures are strictly forbidden in the courtroom.
- 10. Repeated and disruptive entrances into and departures from the courtroom are forbidden.
- 11. Persons younger than 18 years are not permitted in the Courtroom unless such person is a party or witness or if the judge presiding over the matter grants permission.
- 12. Public access to the Court is restricted to the lobby of each floor and each courtroom in which the person is called or allowed to appear. Otherwise, access to areas of the court building is permitted only with an escort from court security or an employee of the area or department that the person is visiting.

III. Conduct standards applicable to advocates, attorneys and litigants

- 1. Properly refer to the judge presiding over the matter as "Your Honor" or "Judge."
- 2. Personal attacks and displays of hostility or ill will toward any advocates, attorneys, litigants, witnesses, jurors, judges, court personnel and anyone in the courtroom is strictly prohibited.

DATED this 4th day of August, 2025.

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Presiding Judge Raymond L. Deer,

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court