



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL

Rules of Decorum

When the Law School welcomes jurists and other public officials, we ask that our students, faculty, staff, and guests observe the same level of decorum that would be expected in court. We have adapted these Rules of Decorum from those promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court, and they apply for today's lecture.

- To avoid noise and disruption to the speaker and audience members, please do not leave the room during the lecture or court proceedings. You may leave quietly at the conclusion and before the question and answer period begins. If necessary, you may leave quietly in between questions.
- To alleviate security concerns, please do not bring purses, backpacks, briefcases, or other large bags with you to the event.
- No tobacco, chewing gum, food, or drink is permitted.
- As a sign of respect, no hats, caps, or other non-medical headgear shall be worn, except for apparel required by religious observation.
- In order to avoid distractions and focus audience attention on the proceedings, please do not bring laptops or other electronic devices to the lecture.
- Cellular telephones should be turned to the "OFF" setting during proceedings, or better yet, should not be brought into the room. Even phones on a "vibrate" setting can be disruptive.
- Tape recorders, video cameras and still cameras are prohibited without prior approval.
- Parents and guardians are asked to use judgment when deciding whether to bring children to the event. Children must be under control and under supervision of an adult at all times.
- Audience members are asked to remain seated when the presentation or proceedings are underway.
- The Law School honors the free speech and expression rights of our community members. However, demonstrations are not permitted during proceedings or presentations. Impermissible "demonstrations" may include disruptive speech, interruptions, banners, or signs. Inquiries about designated areas for expression should be directed to the University of Minnesota Police Department.
- We ask that audience members not engage in any activity that may be disruptive. Impermissible activities may include, but are not limited to, unnecessary conversation, loud whispering, or newspaper or magazine reading.
- In order to protect the security of the audience and presenter(s), the Law School may enlist the assistance of University security or other law enforcement personnel to enforce these rules and, if necessary, remove disruptive individuals from the room.