## **COURT DECORUM**

- No backpacks, large purses or bags should be allowed into the area where oral arguments are held
- No videotaping of oral arguments.
- Media coverage is governed by an administrative rule of the Court and must be coordinated through Penny Miller, Clerk, North Dakota Supreme Court. Under the rules, requests from the media must be made through Jack McDonald, media representative. Mr. McDonald is an attorney in Bismarck.
- No flash cameras without the specific consent of Penny Miller, Clerk, to each individual wishing to take pictures.
- Remove all head wear during the arguments. (Exception for religious head wear.)
- No talking or disruptive behavior during the arguments. Under N.D.C.C. § 12.1-10-04, "a person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if the person intentionally hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance." "A person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if the person recklessly hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance."
- Leaving during arguments is discouraged, and should only be done if not obvious or disruptive.
- Any questions or concerns regarding set-up or arrangements should be directed to Penny Miller, Clerk.
- Security questions should be directed to Penny Miller.

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