

Lesson #33: *Guidelines to Follow in Court*

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Preparing for Court:

1. Be aware of courtroom etiquette. Tone of speech, body language and appearance can all influence a court case.
2. Understand divorce procedure, which means understanding every step of the divorce process.
3. Represent yourself in court. Forgoing an attorney can limit conflict. Direct communication with a judge is the quickest way to inform the court of why and how you plan to co-parent.
4. Hire a good attorney. Choose a lawyer who is skilled in conflict resolution.

Things Judges will not Allow*

1. Insults
2. Interruptions
3. Angry outbursts
4. Bickering between ex-spouses
5. Lengthy explanations of past incidents
6. Discussion of issues not on the court calendar

*from "Fathers Are Forever" by Steven Ashley, 2006

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