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Pro Bono Legal Advice

SO YOU'RE GOING TO COURT!

Wigs. Gavels. Judges. Doric columns. Going to court can be an intimidating experience for someone who knows little about the law or architecture. Hopefully many of us will never see the inside of a courtroom, let alone the outside. But if you have been summoned to appear on a jury, give evidence, or have been accused of a crime or misdemeanor, then it's a sure bet that you'll soon be seeing the outside, and then the inside, of a court.

A court is a place of law. There are many courts, including the Magistrates Court, the County Court, the Family Court, the Supreme Court, the Federal Court, the High Court - even the Galactic Court. Figuring out which court *you* belong in is half the fun!

Some Court Do's and Don't's

Do:

Be on time for your court appearance. The world doesn't revolve around you, you selfish bastard.

Try and win the jury over. Remember, they are only human. A coy smile, a quick flutter of the eyelashes and a low-cut top will do wonders. If, on the other hand, you are a woman, a brighter shade of lipstick should suffice.

Purchase the court artist's sketches after your trial. They make a terrific gift and court sketch artists are notoriously poorly paid.

Bring a pad. You can use it to make notes or small, funny drawings.

Bring a pen. To be used in conjunction with the pad.

Don't:

Shout out, in the middle of proceedings, "The truth? You can't handle the truth!" This will only annoy people.

Defecate on the judge's bench.

Produce a *Monopoly* 'Get Out Of Jail Free' card from your pocket. The ploy may get a few brief titters from some idiots down the back of the courtroom, but the joke has been done many times before and is generally regarded as a poor one.

Wear bloodstained clothing to court, especially if you have been accused of murder.

Trust Nebulons, Quags or Skkrell. Their telepathic powers can affect your better judgment (applies to Galactic Court only)

How We Can Help

At *Welcher & Welcher*, we can help you choose the court that's right for you. Our trained staff will go through the whole process step by step, answering all your questions. Don't forget to ask for your complimentary lollipop!