



## How to Succeed in Court

- Appearances Matter
  - **Formal, modest dress** is appropriate in court.
  - **Have a Neat, Clean Appearance**
  - Remove or cover any piercings or tattoos if possible.
- Be Respectful
- **Speak Up!**
  - Let the judge know you have a job, children or elderly to supervise, etc.
  - Ask for options such a restricted license to go to and from work instead of a suspended license.
  - If you have a drug addiction or anger problem, ask for help! Sometimes the court will consider lesser sentences with approved treatment plans.

## Did You Miss your Court Date?

An FTA (failure to appear) is a separate charge. If you miss your court date you are considered a fugitive.

Let your bondsman know! We can help. You will be required to turn yourself into the jail. We can talk to the magistrate on your behalf. **The sooner you turn yourself in the better.** If you wait too long, the magistrate is likely to set another bail.