

On February 18, 2026, the Nebraska Supreme Court approved the following rule amendments to the Rules of the District Court of the Third Judicial District:

District 3

Rules of the District Court for the Third Judicial District

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Rule 3-6. ~~Attorney Attire~~ Courtroom Decorum

A. Attorneys shall be attired in business wear while present in court, whether in the courtroom or in chambers.

1. Unacceptable attire includes T-shirts, sleeveless tops such as tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti-strap tops, or any top that does not completely cover the midriff area, clothing which is excessively tight, low-cut, revealing, or sheer, shorts, denim, flip-flop sandals, slippers, Crocs, or tennis shoes (unless medically necessary).

2. Business wear for women includes suits, dresses, skirts (extending below the fingertip), or dress slacks (Capri pants can be worn if they are no shorter than mid-calf length and are worn in the same manner as dress slacks, i.e., with a jacket or dress shirt). Dress shoes are required.

3. Business wear for men includes suits, collared shirts and ties, and dress slacks worn with jackets. Dress shoes are required.

B. Photography, video recording, audio recording, or communication of any information using any electronic equipment, including a cellular telephone from inside the courtroom, is prohibited without prior authorization of the judge, and except as separately authorized by Neb. Ct. R. § 6-2001 et seq., Rules for Expanded News Media Coverage in Nebraska Trial Courts. Anyone using an electronic device may be found in contempt of court and removed from the courthouse. Devices may also be confiscated.

C. Upon order of the court, any person may be subjected to a search of his or her person for possession of recording devices, photo-imaging devices, cellular telephones, or weapons.

Rule 3-7. Court Files

A. No person, except the judges or the clerk, shall take from the courthouse or out of the office or possession of the clerk, any records, papers or files of the court pertaining to the causes therein, except by permission of the clerk, upon such conditions as the judges may impose. Any file so removed shall be returned to the clerk within 24 hours, unless otherwise ordered by a judge of the court.

B. Any request for court records made to the clerk by an incarcerated person shall be made by motion. ~~through the records manager of the institution at which the inmate is housed.~~ If the request is granted by the court, the incarcerated person shall be provided with copies made at the direction of the court. Original court records, including bills of exceptions, shall not be provided to an incarcerated person.

C. Any damage, destruction, or alteration of an original court record, or any part thereof, by any pro se litigant requesting such record, whether he or she be incarcerated, may result in suspension of the privilege to check out original court records from the clerk.

D. No one, other than an official court reporter, may take the bill of exceptions apart for any purpose, without written authorization from the court.

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