

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULPEPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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**ORDER REGARDING COURTROOM APPEARANCES**  
**AND CASE CALLS**

This matter came before the Court upon the need to ensure the orderly administration of justice and the efficient management of the Court's docket.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. The Court does not conduct hearings, arguments, negotiations, or adjudications in the courthouse hallways.
2. The Circuit Court of Culpeper County is not operated on a "MedExpress model" where parties wander in and out until someone is available to see them.
3. All parties, counsel, litigants, and witnesses are expected to be present inside the courtroom when their matter is scheduled and when the case is called by the Court.
4. Counsel shall ensure that their clients are advised of this expectation prior to any hearing date.
5. The phrase "I was just outside" shall not constitute a legal basis for delay, continuance, reconsideration, or resurrection.
6. Counsel shall ensure that clients understand that "present" means inside the courtroom and not "somewhere in the building."
7. Parties who are absent from the courtroom when their matter is called shall be subject to the case proceeding in their absence, being passed to the end of the docket, dismissal, default, issuance of capias, or such other action as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.
8. The Court further notes that it possesses neither the time nor inclination to send judicial search parties into the hallway when a case is called.

ENTERED this 27 day of May, 2026.

Dale Durr

JUDGE

Culpeper County Circuit Court