



VISITING THE COURT - TIPS FOR STUDENTS

Court proceedings in Florida are open to the public, with very few exceptions. Please call in advance so we can best meet your needs. Your contact is Ludi Lelis, Court Communications Officer. She can be reached at (386) 943-7074 or llelis@circuit7.org.

In your request, please specify: type of proceeding desired, preferred dates and times, preferred location (Daytona Beach or DeLand), any additional class requirements.

We will do our best to direct you to what you're looking for. Due to the nature of the Court's work, schedules are subject to change. We suggest that you have a back-up plan in the event your court hearing/trial gets canceled.

LOCATIONS

Volusia County Courthouse

101 N. Alabama Ave.

DeLand, FL 32720

Cases: County Court (civil, misdemeanor criminal); Circuit Court (felony criminal, civil where amount in controversy is more than \$15,000, family, dependency, juvenile delinquency)

Volusia County Justice Center

251 N. Ridgewood Ave.

Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Cases: Circuit Court (felony criminal)

Volusia County Courthouse Annex

125 E. Orange Ave.

Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Cases: County Court (civil, misdemeanor criminal); Circuit Court (civil where amount in controversy is more than \$15,000, family, dependency, juvenile delinquency)

COURT HOURS

Court proceedings usually take place between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Court usually breaks for lunch between noon and 1 p.m.

WHAT NOT TO DO IN THE COURTROOM

- Leave your cell phone ringer on high. Keep it in your car or turn it off.
- Wear inappropriate clothing such as cut-offs, shorts, flip flops, tank tops, pajamas, etc. Business or business casual attire is suggested.
- Talk non-stop to those sitting around you. If it's important, take the conversation outside.
- Verbally or non-verbally communicate with prisoners in custody.
- Come in and out of the courtroom. Please limit your comings and goings once you've come in.
- Chew gum, eat or drink. Food and drink are not allowed in the courtroom.
- Sleep. If you stayed up too late the night before, plan to come to court some other time.
- Bring in lots of extra stuff. All visitors are subject to security screening, and dangerous items are prohibited.

