



THE SUPREME COURT OF MINNESOTA
MINNESOTA JUDICIAL CENTER
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Re: *Civil Arrests at State Courthouses*

Dear Justice Partners:



ATTORNEY GENERAL

Washington, D. C. ...

October 10, 1937

Department of Justice

Dear Sir: ...

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

March 27, 2025

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The court has received letters from justice partners and interested groups requesting that the court issue an order or adopt policy regarding arrests in courthouses by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.

While the court understands the concerns raised, at this time the court is not developing any new policy or issuing any statewide orders in response to these requests.

Minnesota Rule of General Practice 2 governs Court Decorum, and Rule 2.01(a) governs acceptable behavior. Rule 2.01(a) states that dignity and solemnity shall be maintained in the courtroom and that there shall be no distracting activity in the courtroom while court is in session. Under Rule 2.02(e), the presiding judge is responsible for order and decorum in the court.

These court rules ensure that courtroom decorum is maintained at the direction and discretion of the presiding judge.

Outside of the courtroom, state courthouses contain public spaces and other county government offices. County sheriffs have a legal duty under section 387.03 to keep the peace and attend upon the terms of the district court. As part of their duties county sheriff's offices are responsible for ensuring the safety of all who visit these county buildings.

The court has confidence in each county sheriff's dedication to maintaining the safety and security of the state's courtrooms and courthouses.

With regards to the requests to hold more hearings remotely, under Judicial Council Policy 525, oneCourtMN Hearings Initiative Policy, every hearing type has a presumption regarding whether the hearing shall be held in person or remotely, and a judicial officer may exercise discretion to deviate from the default hearing appearance type on a case-by-case basis.

I hope this information and explanation help to address some of the concerns being raised. The court appreciates the work of all its justice partners and remains committed to ensuring the court meets its constitutional obligations and its mission to provide justice through a system that assures equal access for the fair and timely resolution of cases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Natalie E. Hudson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Natalie E. Hudson
Chief Justice