

# Community Legal Aid

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## Your Day in Divorce Court

### What to expect

- Your attorney will spend time with you before your case goes to court
  - He or she will explain what will happen in the court and what you need to bring with you.
  - Discuss any issues or matters of concern to you with your attorney before you go in to see the judge.
- Be on time.
- Dress comfortably, conservatively, and show respect.
  - Do not wear:
    - Shorts
    - T-shirts with graphic language or pictures
- If there is more than one case you may have to wait, please be patient.
- Do not bring children to court unless specifically asked to do so.

### When your case is called

- Your lawyer will give a brief statement of the facts.
- In a contested case you will take the stand and you will be under oath.
- Your attorney will ask you questions, the judge may ask questions, and the other attorney may ask questions.
- Do not argue with the judge, magistrate, or your attorney.
- A marital agreement settlement may be presented.

*This article is meant to give you general information and not to give you specific legal advice. Prepared by Community Legal Aid Services, Inc. Updated May 2012.*

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