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The Supreme and National Courts of

# Basic Guide for Court Users



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competent and efficient judiciary.”*

# Types of Courts in PNG

## 1. VILLAGE COURT

## 2. DISTRICT COURT

- Summary Offences Court
- Juvenile Court
- Family Court
- Traffic Court
- Grade Five Court
- Committal Court

## 3. NATIONAL COURT

- Crimes Track
- Civil Track
- Human Rights Track
- Commercial Track

## 4. SUPREME COURT

- Appeals
- Reviews
- References

## 5. Other dispute resolution divisions

- Court-Annexed Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Leadership Tribunals

### FACTS:

- *A judge wears a red gown when presiding over criminal matters, and wears a black gown on civil matters.*

# Court House Rules

## 1. Attire and grooming

- Dress and look presentable when attending a session in a court room.
- Remove caps, hats or sunglasses when entering a court room.

Do NOT wear the following:

- Flip flops (slippers),
- Short pants,
- T-shirts/jerseys ,

## 2. Court room manners and attitude

- Always bow before a Judge/Magistrate when entering a court room and before leaving the room.
- Always stand when a Judge/Magistrate enters the court room. Bow together with the judge/magistrate, then take your seat after the judge/magistrate is seated.
- Do not shout, sing or talk louder in court room when a case is proceeding.
- Switch off your cell phone or activate flight mode before entering a court room.
- Remove caps, hats or shades when entering a court room.
- Do not eat food, chew betel nut/gums or smoke in a court room.

## 3. Addressing Judges and Magistrates

- Address a Judge as “Your Honor”.
- Address a Magistrate as “Your Worship”.

# Heads of Courts of Papua New Guinea

## SUPREME AND NATIONAL COURTS



Chief Justice, Sir Gibuma Gibbs Salika, GCL, KBE, CSM, OBE



Deputy Chief, Justice Ambeng Kandakasi, CBE

## DISTRICT COURT



Chief Magistrate, Mark Pupaka



Acting Deputy Chief Magistrate, Samson Tatakali