

The day of your hearing has arrived.

Before leaving home, ensure you have all your papers, including the original signed exhibits with you and know the address of the court building.

Arrive at Court early, as delays can occur at the X-ray security screening point.

Prohibited items such as alcohol, sharp or dangerous objects, are not allowed in Court, so please leave them at home.

Once you have cleared security, follow the signage or ask for directions to your courtroom.

When you arrive at the courtroom, report to Court Officer who will show you where to sit.

Be prepared to wait your turn as your matter may be only of several listed in the courtroom that day.

Listen to the Court Officer who will call your matter when it is your turn.

Stand up when the Judge enters the courtroom.

If you are the applicant you will be expected to present your case to the Judge first.

Stand to address the Judge and refer to the Judge as "Your Honour", or if there is more than one Judge, say "Your Honours".

Speak with confidence; plainly, politely, and with respect.

Make your points logically and simply.

The Judge will ask the other party to respond to your comments.

You should return to your seat when the other party is speaking.

Stand again whenever the Judge speaks to you and whenever you are answering the Judge's questions.

If you do not understand an argument or a decision, ask the Judge to explain it to you.

The Judge will advise you of their decision, or whether they will make their decision at a later date.

If there are no further matters after yours, the Judge will rise and the Court will be adjourned.

You may then leave the courtroom.

If there are other matters following yours, you may leave the courtroom at the conclusion of your hearing by walking to rear of the courtroom, and bowing to the Judge before quietly exiting through the courtroom door.

Be aware that members of the public may also be in the courtroom for your hearing as Supreme Court hearings are open to the public to observe.

Should you require further information about court processes, please visit our website or call our Registry.