



**Massachusetts Department of Correction**  
**Attorney Dress Code Guidelines**  
**Attachment V**  
**in accordance with 103 DOC 501 – Institutional Security Procedures**



The following guidelines apply to attorneys visiting inmates in any Department of Correction institutions:

- Footwear must be worn. No beach sandals or flip flops are permitted.
- Clothing that is ripped, torn or with holes is not allowed.
- Jewelry, hairpieces, hair scrunches, headbands, bobby pins, barrettes and hair clips are permitted subject to applicable regulations including 103 CMR 486.07. Watches with computer functions (e.g., those that can send/receive emails and text messages, access the internet, or that contain apps) are not allowed.
- Proper undergarments (e.g.; briefs, boxer shorts, underpants, bra/camisole) must be worn. In the absence of an articulable fact to the contrary, an attorney is presumed to be wearing undergarments.
- Sweatpants, jogging suits, hooded clothing and black, navy blue and gray sweatshirts are not allowed.
- Shorts or bathing suits are not allowed.
- Medical appliances, braces, ace bandages, casts, dressings and medical alert bracelets/necklaces are permitted subject to applicable regulations including 103 CMR 486.07.
- No multiple layers of socks or leg warmers are allowed.
- Male attorneys cannot wear any type of blue or black jeans into an institution that houses male inmates, and female attorneys cannot wear any type of blue or black jeans into an institution that houses female inmates.
- Jackets and blazers, including those with zippers and belts, may be worn as part of a suit or outfit.
- Fatigues and camouflage clothing are not allowed.
- No halter tops, tank tops, tube tops, muscle shirts or clothing that reveals the midriff or exposes the back beyond the upper shoulder area are allowed. Sleeveless blouses, shirts and tops which otherwise comply with this code are permitted.
- No see-through clothing (e.g., clothing through which body parts are visible when light passes, such as mesh material) is allowed. The visible outline of bra straps underneath clothing is not a permissible reason to deny entry.
- No tights, leotards, or body suits can be worn alone; allowed only when covered by pants, jackets or skirts which otherwise comply with this code.
- Dresses or skirts shall not exceed three (3) inches above the knee when standing.
- Scarves related to professional attire may be worn.
- The wearing and/or possession of any type of glitter make-up materials to include Chap Stick or lip balms, facial make-up, nail polish, eye shadow etc. are prohibited.

***THIS NOTICE IS TO BE POSTED IN THE FRONT TRAP/VISITING AREA. DENIAL OF ENTRY INTO A CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION BASED ON AN ATTORNEY'S VIOLATION OF THE ATTORNEY DRESS CODE SHALL OCCUR ONLY WITH THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE SHIFT COMMANDER OR SUCH OTHER PERSON AS THE SUPERINTENDENT MAY DESIGNATE AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE REGULATIONS INCLUDING THE PROVISIONS OF 103 CMR 486.07.***