

Men

Hair should be clean – a short, conservative hair style is the most professional.



You should be clean shaven before an interview.

If you wear facial hair, make sure it is well-groomed.

The best fabric for ties is silk, followed by polyester that looks like silk and silk-polyester blends.

The tie should reach your belt buckle.

Solid red, blue, or yellow or repetitive patterns in dark colors.



Watches, wedding rings, and conservative men's rings are appropriate in any situation.

Steer clear of items like bracelets, necklaces, and earrings, which convey a more casual look.

No body piercings.

If you have tattoos, cover them up.



Acceptable shoes are leather or simulated leather with laces or conservative slip-on loafers.

Select dark colors like black, cordovan, or dark brown.

Your shoes should match the color of your belt for a coordinated look.

Dress socks should be mid-calf length and a dark color.

No white socks.

Shoes should be clean and polished.



Choose a two-piece matching suit that is tailored. Make sure the bottom button is always unbuttoned.



Wear a long-sleeve cotton or cotton-blend shirt.

White, light blue, or other solid colors. Straight or button collars are acceptable.



Nails should be short and well groomed.



Accessories should be coordinated with your outfit.

Go with the most prominent neutral color in your wardrobe.

Consider using a pad folio or briefcase.

Black, dark gray, and navy are all appropriate colors.

Solid suits are more conservative, avoid patterns.



If you are one of the many people who have special issues dealing with appearance, or you simply hate getting dressed up and are miserable when you do, consider getting some professional help. Invest in yourself. Buy one great, classic suit, shirt, tie, and shoes (consider it a necessity) and go to a store where there are excellent salesmen and tailors. Get a haircut at a place where they specialize in business clients. Learn to live dressed up because most lawyers have to.