

APPENDIX 24.12: COURT-SPECIFIC RULES CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF CHILDREN IN THE COURTROOM AND/OR HEARING OFFICER CONFERENCES

COURT	PARISHES	COURT-SPECIFIC RULES CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF CHILDREN IN THE COURTROOM AND/OR HEARING OFFICER CONFERENCES
13 th J.D.C.	Evangeline Parish	Clients and witnesses shall be advised not to bring children to court, unless in unusual circumstances were the child(ren) may be called as witnesses. Children, under the age of twelve, shall not be allowed in the courtroom without special permission of the court.
14 th J.D.C.	Calcasieu Parish	Clients and witnesses shall be advised not to bring children to the courthouse. When a child is to be a witness in a proceeding, the child shall not be brought to the courthouse until the Court calls for their testimony. If the child is enrolled in school, they are to remain in school until called by the Court. Children shall not be allowed in the courtroom without special permission of the Judge.
15 th J.D.C.	Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion Parishes	Clients and witnesses shall be advised not to bring children to court, except in unusual circumstances where the child[ren] may be called as witnesses. When a child is to be a witness in a proceeding, arrangements shall be made to have the child on a standby basis until their testimony is needed, preferably waiting at a location other than the Courthouse. Children, under the age of twelve, shall not be allowed in the courtroom without special permission of the court. The Clerk of Court shall notify the parties of this rule.
18 th J.D.C.	Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge Parishes	<p style="text-align: center;">CHILDREN IN THE COURTROOM</p> <p>Clients and witnesses shall be advised not to bring children to court, except in unusual circumstances where the child[ren] may be called as witnesses. When a child is to be a witness in a proceeding, arrangements shall be made to have the child on a stand by basis until their testimony is needed.</p>
22 nd J.D.C.	St. Tammany and Washington Parishes	<p>A. The parties are not to bring or allow their minor children to be brought to the courthouse for any family court proceeding, including Hearing Officer Conferences and court appearances, without prior court approval.</p> <p>B. If a party plans to call a minor child as a witness in a family court proceeding, arrangements shall be made to have the child available at a location other than the courthouse, until ordered by the Judge.</p> <p>C. Parties are prohibited from bringing children under the age of 12 years to any family court proceedings including Hearing Officer Conferences and court appearances.</p>

		D. Parties are allowed to bring children involved in an uncontested adoption proceeding to the court hearing.
23 rd J.D.C.	Ascension, Assumption, and St. James Parishes Amended November 30, 2015, effective January 1, 2016.	Clients and witnesses shall be advised not to bring children under the age of 12 to the courthouse, except in unopposed adoption proceedings. When a child is to be a witness in a proceeding, the child shall not be brought to the courthouse until the Court calls for their testimony. If the child is enrolled in school, they are to remain in school until called by the Court. No children shall be allowed in the courtroom without special permission of the Judge.
27 th J.D.C.	St. Landry Parish	Clients and witnesses shall be advised not to bring children to court, unless in unusual circumstances where the child(ren) may be called as witnesses. Children, under the age of twelve, shall not be allowed in the courtroom without special permission of the court.
32 nd J.D.C.	Terrebonne Parish	Clients and witnesses shall be advised not to bring children to court, unless in unusual circumstances where the children may be called as witnesses. Children, under the age of twelve, shall not be allowed in the courtroom without permission of the court.
36 th J.D.C.	Beauregard Parish	Clients and witnesses shall be advised not to bring children to the courthouse. When a child is to be a witness in a proceeding, the child shall not be brought to the courthouse until the Court calls for their testimony. If the child is enrolled in school, they are to remain in school until called by the Court. Children shall not be allowed in the courtroom without special permission of the Judge. Uncontested adoption hearings are the only exception to this rule.
Civil District Court	Orleans Parish	Litigants and witnesses shall not bring children to Court without prior Court approval. Children are not allowed in the courtroom without special permission of the Judge. When the Court has given approval for a child to offer testimony or be interviewed by the Judge in chambers, the child shall be made available on a standby basis at a location other than the courthouse, until called by the Court.

