General Information Telephone Numbers

Supreme Court:

Licht Judicial Complex	(401) 222-3274
Office of Court Interpreters	(401) 222-8710

Superior Court:

Providence/Bristol County (Licht)	(401) 222-3250
Kent County (Noel)	(401) 822-6900
Washington County (McGrath)	(401) 782-4121
Newport County (Murray)	(401) 841-8330

Family Court:

Providence/Bristol County (Garrahy)	(401) 458-5272
Kent County (Noel)	(401) 822-6725
Washington County (McGrath)	(401) 782-4111
Newport County (Murray)	(401) 841-8340

District Court:

6th Division/Providence (Garrahy)	(401) 458-5400
3rd Division/Kent (Noel)	(401) 822-6750
4th Division/Washington (McGrath)	(401) 782-4131
2nd Division/Newport (Murray)	(401) 841-8350

Workers' Compensation Court:

Garrahy Judicial Complex	(401) 458-5000

Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal:

Pastore Complex – Cranston	(401) 275-2700

Useful Information and Links

Rhode Island Judiciary
Website: www.courts.ri.gov

Office of Court Interpreters
Phone: (401) 222-8710

Providence County
Domestic Clerk (Divorces) – Family Court
Phone: (401) 458-3200

Providence County
Restraining Orders – Family Court
Phone: (401) 458-3372

Juvenile Services – Family Court
Phone: (401) 458-3260

Bureau of Child Support Enforcement
Phone: (401) 458-4400

Small Claims Clerk – District Court
Phone: (401) 458-5402

Mental Health Advocate
Phone: (401) 462-2003

Department of the Attorney General
Website: www.riag.state.ri.us
Phone: (401) 274-4400

Office of the Public Defender
Website: www.ripd.org
Phone: (401) 222-3492

Rhode Island Legal Services
Website: www.helprilaw.org
Phone: Providence: (401) 274-2652
Newport: (401) 846-2264

Rhode Island Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Volunteer Lawyer Program
Website: www.ribar.com
Phone: (401) 421-5740

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Providence/Bristol County

Licht Judicial Complex
250 Benefit Street, Providence, RI 02903

Garrahy Judicial Complex
1 Dorrance Plaza, Providence, RI 02903

Kent County

Noel Judicial Complex
222 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI 02886

Washington County

McGrath Judicial Complex
4800 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02880

Newport County

Murray Judicial Complex
45 Washington Square, Newport, RI 02840

Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal
670 New London Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920

YOUR DAY IN COURT

Like the judge and court personnel, all parties play important roles in creating a positive and respectful environment in our courts. While in court, you have the right to be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity by everyone that you encounter. In return, you have an obligation to follow the court rules and to treat all those that you encounter with courtesy and respect.

Some Helpful Information

- Dress appropriately for court. Do not wear hats, T-shirts, halter tops, shorts, or torn jeans. Be certain that your clothing is neat and clean.
- Bring all court notices and necessary paperwork with you to court.
- **You need to be on time for court.** Failure to appear in a timely manner may result in a warrant for your arrest or other court orders against you.
- **Arrive at the courthouse 30 minutes ahead of your scheduled court time.** You will need this time to clear security and locate your courtroom.
- Free parking is available at some courthouses but not others, so plan accordingly.
  - **Garrahy Judicial Complex:** Private lots/ garages for a fee and on-street parking – most with meters
  - **Licht Judicial Complex:** Private lots/ garages for a fee and on-street parking – some with meters
  - **Noel Judicial Complex:** FREE parking
  - **McGrath Judicial Complex:** FREE parking
  - **Murray Judicial Complex:** On-street parking with meters
  - **Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal:** FREE parking

- Be sure to make arrangements for the care of young children. Child care services are available only at the Garrahy Judicial Complex and the Noel Judicial Complex. Parents or caretakers must bring photo identification.
  - **Garrahy Judicial Complex:** 2nd floor, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - **Licht Judicial Complex:** Not available
  - **Noel Judicial Complex:** 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - **McGrath Judicial Complex:** Not available
  - **Murray Judicial Complex:** Not available
  - **Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal:** Not available
- Upon entering the courthouse, you will be greeted and screened by the Capitol Police. Be prepared to clear security. Do not bring weapons into the courthouse. You will have to pass through a metal detector. You may be asked to empty your pockets and to remove your belt and/or shoes.
- Do not bring food or drinks into the courthouse.
- Cameras or other recording devices are not allowed in the courthouse without prior permission.
- General information booths are located on the first floor of each courthouse. This is where you can obtain information to assist you in locating your assigned courtroom. Information is also available at the Clerk's Office for each court.
- Turn off all pagers and cell phones upon entering your assigned courtroom.
- Sit and wait quietly in the courtroom until your case is called. Do not talk, chew gum, read a book, or newspaper. Watch and observe.

- Please note that some Family Court hearings are confidential and are closed proceedings. You may be asked to leave the courtroom.
- Address the judge as "Your Honor" or "Judge" and stand when speaking to the judge. Do not approach the judge.
- Your case may not be heard and finished in one day. It may need to be continued or postponed. You may need to return to court on several occasions before your case is concluded.
- Be prepared to pay filing fees if you are filing a petition or a complaint.
- Be prepared to pay court fines when ordered to do so.
- If you do not speak fluent English and need an interpreter, please contact the Office of Court Interpreters by telephone at (401) 222-8710 or via email at interpreterfeedback@courts.ri.gov, prior to your scheduled court date. **Court telephone numbers are located on the back of this brochure.**
- If you have a disability and are in need of information regarding access to the courthouse, please call the court where your case will be heard prior to your scheduled court date. **Court telephone numbers are listed on the back of this brochure.**
- If you are in need of a sign language interpreter or assistive listening equipment, please call the Court Clerk's Office before your scheduled hearing to make these arrangements.
- If you cannot use the elevator, ask the Capitol Police for directions to the stairway.