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Some Tips for Court

Thank you for your instructions to represent you in court in the near future.

Even if you have been to court before, you may find the whole process daunting. Please take a moment to read this information, as it may assist you.

Please be punctual in arriving at the court. We have found this means your case will receive priority on the day, so that you aren't waiting long to be heard.

Mr Bakker will be familiar with the court processes and staff at courts, so he will guide you as to where to be and what to expect on the day.

For your appearance in court, how you present yourself can be critically important. The court wants to see that you take the matter very seriously, so you should dress and groom yourself accordingly. Showing respect in this way can make a big difference to the outcome of the case.

In court, you refer to the judge as "Your Honour", and again as he is the man (or woman) who could have your future at stake, you need to show him the utmost of respect and courtesy. However, it is not likely you will have to say much or anything at all - we will do the talking for you!

It is also courteous to bow your head to the judge or magistrate when entering or leaving the court room if he/she is present. This is done quickly and not overly exaggerated. Just follow Mr Bakker's lead.

The police case will be presented by a police prosecutor who has legal training in court matters, though is not a lawyer as such. Often, the judge will pay particular attention to what police say is appropriate penalty, so again, what applies to the judge, also applies to the Prosecution.

Once the matter is heard, there may be other things you will need to do or not do to give effect to your punishment. It is essential you diligently carry these things out so that there are not further consequences for you.

Please feel free to ask us about any other matter about which you are uncertain.

*Thank you for choosing **rb lawyers**.*

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