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- Shoes should be business-like and go with the suit
- Avoid heavy jewelry and strong colognes
- Long-sleeved shirts, even in the summer, are appropriate: white, light blue (solid), or a conservative stripe

**Tips for women:**

- Wear a two-piece matched suit. Tailored pants suits are appropriate for women, as are tailored skirts with matching suit jackets.
- Avoid short skirts—they make you look naïve. Skirts should cover your thighs when seated, and reach to at least your knees when standing.
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- Hosiery colors should be neutral; avoid extreme designs
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- Avoid fashion extremes: flashy patterns, stiletto heels, etc.
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