

Matovich Script for the 10th Judicial Conference, with ABA Model Rules 3.5 and 8.2, along with ACTL Code of Trial Conduct 16 and 17

Title: The cantankerous lawyer

Scene: Courtroom. Defendant's counsel Josephine Potter has just presented a motion for a new trial.

**Court:** I am going to overrule your motion. There must be some finality to these cases. What this is, it appears to me to be entirely a fishing expedition, so the final order of this Court is your motion is overruled.

**Ms. Potter:** Well, Judge this –

**Court:** No additional hearing will be heard regarding your motion for new trial.

**Ms. Potter:** Just to make a record, your Honor, the Court's resolution of the motion is Not unexpected, given the Court's demeanor during the entire trial.

**Court:** What exactly do you mean by that?

**Ms. Potter:** What I mean is that the Court didn't handle the trial fairly, is not handling the Motion fairly now.

**Court:** Well you make it very difficult to work with, Ms. Potter. I think I gave you a Fair Trial and anything I did before the jury, nothing that I did—

**Ms. Potter:** Well, let me say this Judge.

Court: Just a minute, now, I'm—

Ms. Potter: I have—

Court: You just—

Ms. Potter: another—

**Court:** wait just a minute.

**Ms. Potter:** I have another—

**Court:** I'm the judge of this Court, little lady

**Ms. Potter:** I have another issue, I just want you to know I have another issue.

**Court:** I want you to know this hearing is now over and done.

**Ms. Potter:** Can I ask—

**Court:** And there will be nothing else to be made of record.

**Ms. Potter:** Can I address another issue? You don't want to hear it? You don't want the Court to hear it? It's another issue. It's not what we talked about.

**Court:** All right. Go ahead.

**Ms. Potter:** What I'm doing is offering this so you can perhaps get along better with other women lawyers in the future.

**Court:** Don't you worry about—

**Ms. Potter:** Okay, can I finish?

**Court:** how I get along with women lawyers.

**Ms. Potter:** Can I finish please?

**Court:** You worry about how you get along with Courts.

**Ms. Potter:** Can I finish please?

**Court:** No. You are done.

**Ms. Potter:** Well, okey, dokey, judge.

(end of scene)