

Client Trial Mistakes the Divorce Court Doesn't Like to See

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Going through a [divorce](#) can be an extremely emotional, frustrating experience because clients are often attacked on just about every ground, from their career performance to their physical qualities. ***Just about everything can be fair game to bring up in terms of showing the court why a spouse isn't deserving of everything requested.*** No surprise, the opposite side is doing the same thing, so two people who used to be very close can become very angry by the personal attacks used. ***Unfortunately, personal information and presentation are regular tools used in legal divorce cases,*** and clients to respond emotionally to the prods and irritations by opposing counsel can do themselves a lot of damage a trial. [David Pedrazas](#) is an expert divorce attorney to work with in providing the best divorce presentation.

Common Mistakes Made by Clients

Clients who don't think ahead about how their behavior will be seen often jeopardize their divorce case without realizing it. Here are three common situations:

- **Being Too Talkative** – Typical human nature often leans towards trying to give as a full an answer as possible to a question. Unfortunately, just about everything a person says in a trial can be used against him. ***So going above and beyond when answering a question in a deposition or trial is a mistake.*** All that should be provided is the basic answer and no more. Your attorney will do most of the talking regarding your argument and presentation. Your only need is to be a witness. So the more you say, the more information you provide the opposing counsel to use against you.
- **Anger Issues** – Losing control or getting outwardly angry doesn't win any points. ***It might make you feel better in the moment, but it won't make your legal case any better.*** Your attorney could also be directed to control your outbursts if disruptive to a proceeding. ***As frustrating as the divorce proceeding can be, self-control is critical.*** An outburst of anger will just irritate the court and will likely be used by opposing counsel to show visual proof that you as the "bad" spouse has anger management issues that contributed to a bad marriage and the dissolution.

- **Bad Communication Timing** – Insisting on talking to a spouse in the court house hallway outside can be misinterpreted as being threatening or intimidating to the other person. Courthouse security personnel are already hypersensitive to emotional outbursts and angry people mainly because trials tend to involve conflicts. ***Any sign of an irritated person or loud statements of refusing to talk are likely to get attention***, and the court doesn't look kindly on a divorce party who gets on the bad side of the courthouse security, which will get reported to the court.

Presenting Yourself and Your Case Appropriately

Of course, just as there are ways to handicap a divorce case, ***there are ways to make it look better, and, as a client, come across favorably***. Clearly, maintaining a calm persona is a key expectation for every client. However, being prepared for a trial also goes a long way as well. Judges are not fond of witnesses and parties who take a long time to answer questions or cause delays. Instead, ***clients who answer clearly but concisely, stay calm in the court room, and are prepared for the trial process often give a far better impression to a judge***. And that's a critical factor given that it's the judge, not a jury, that decides most divorce cases.

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