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Courts near and far tire of incivility

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In recent years, judges and bar associations have begun to lose their patience with uncivil attorneys. In *Paramount Communications Inc. v. QVC Network Inc.*, 637 A.2d 34 (Del. 1994), a Texas attorney defended a deposition not with legal acumen but with abusive and obstructionist language, including telling opposing counsel: "You can ask some questions but get off of that. I'm tired of you. You could gag a maggot off a meat wagon."

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