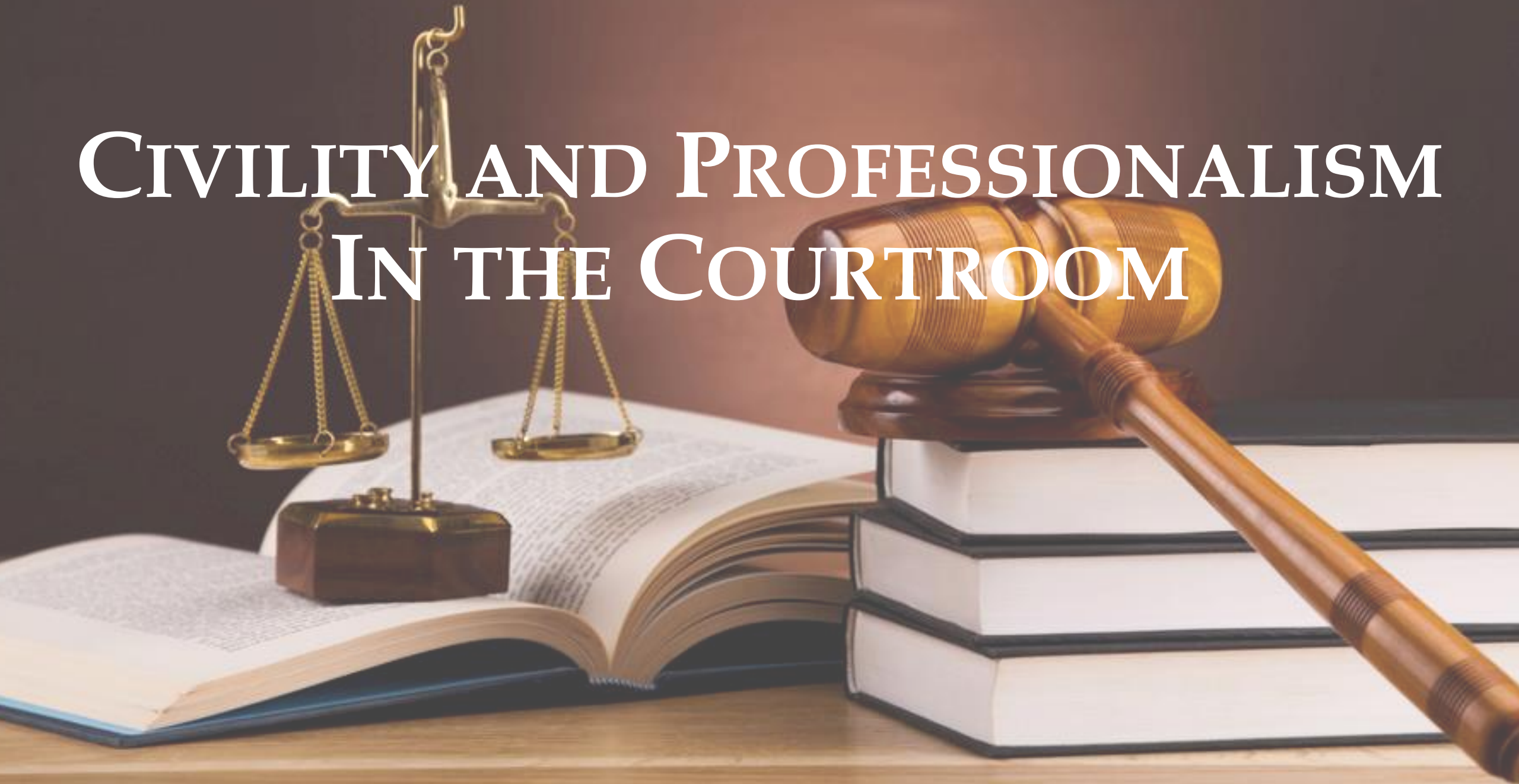


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Honorable J. Michelle Childs – US District Court, District of South Carolina

Honorable Charles R. Wilson – US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Honorable James E. Graves, Jr. – US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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Your view from the Bench:

Current State of Civility

Learning from Others (examples of professionalism or the lack thereof)

Pet Peeves or Other Irritations . . .



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In your opinion has the lack of civility in public discourse these days influenced how litigants behave in the courtroom?



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In your estimation what are the tenets of effective advocacy and how can effective advocacy best be taught to less experienced lawyers?



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It has been said honesty is the coin of the realm for advocates. How do attorneys diminish their professional reputations before the bench?



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What is the value of oral argument vis a vis submission of issues on briefs and the written record during either appeals or motion practice?

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Obviously fidelity to the record (whether the record on appeal or deposition testimony in motion practice) is of utmost importance? What should be done regarding an attorney who regularly mis-cites or obscures the record?



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**Compare and contrast an effective jury argument
and an effective appellate argument.**



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What is the most effective response to attorneys
who disparage an opponent . . .
or who disparage the court?



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Do you have any tips to help lawyers be more concise and persuasive?



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What advice do you have for lawyers
who mistreat your staff?

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