

## **THE SEVEN RULES OF TRIAL PROCEDURE**

- 1) Trial procedure is shaped by law, ethics, customs, and the individual practices of judges. Know the rules.
- 2) The judge is in charge.
- 3) The judge has discretion to run the trial any way the judge sees fit, even to vary from rules
- 4) Attorneys are in charge of their cases.
- 5) Attorneys are not only permitted but required to be advocates, not bureaucrats
- 6) There are limits to what you can do in the name of advocacy
- 7) To the extent that the principles of judicial control conflict with the principle of attorney advocacy, the judge wins and you lose