

Civility, Safety, and Detached Lawyer Syndrome in Family Court

- 1. What is “Detached Lawyer Syndrome” as described in the article?**
 - a. A medical condition specific to lawyers
 - b. A term to describe problematic lawyer behaviors
 - c. A legal precedent in family law
 - d. A formal psychological diagnosis
- 2. What is the primary purpose of the BIFF Communication Method?**
 - a. To intimidate opposing counsel
 - b. To streamline case filing
 - c. To reduce conflict in communication
 - d. To improve courtroom presentations
- 3. Which of the following is NOT a component of the BIFF method?**
 - a. Brief
 - b. Firm
 - c. Defensive
 - d. Informative
- 4. The COVID pandemic likely reduced incivility among family law practitioners.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 5. What year did the term “Blamespeak” originate?**
 - a. 2000
 - b. 2010
 - c. 2020
 - d. 2024
- 6. According to the article, what has likely increased incivility among lawyers?**
 - a. The aftermath of the COVID pandemic
 - b. Declining education standards
 - c. Increased courtroom decorum rules
 - d. Improved technological literacy
- 7. Judges play a critical role in maintaining civility and order in courtrooms.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 8. The article suggests that lawyers should never care about their clients’ well-being.**
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 9. What is one proposed solution for incivility mentioned in the article?**
 - a. Mandating therapy for attorneys
 - b. Better courtroom control by judges
 - c. Eliminating family courts altogether
 - d. Requiring all communication to be verbal
- 10. Why might judges hesitate to sanction attorneys for uncivil behavior?**
 - a. Lack of awareness of the behavior
 - b. Concern about re-election or political contributions
 - c. Fear of lawsuits from attorneys
 - d. Opposition from the Legislature

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