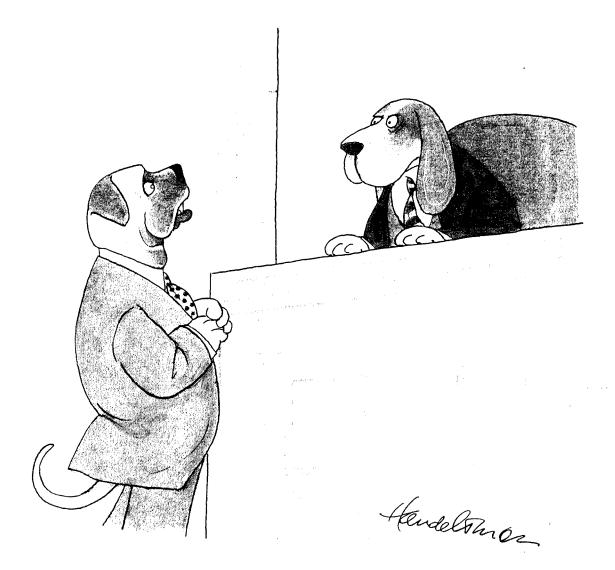
## THE TWELVE TRAITS OF CIVILITY

## IN ORDER TO BE CIVIL A LAWYER MUST BE:

- 1. RESPECTFUL -- of yourself, the court, your client, other attorneys and the rules and traditions of the law. See Rules of Professional Conduct, 3.3.
- 2. FAIR, JUST AND HONEST. SEE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, 3.4.
  - 3. FRIENDLY -- AMIABLE AND GENIAL.
- 4. **FORGIVING** -- NOT "I GOT YOU" BUT PARDONING AN OFFENSE RATHER THAN TAKING OFFENSE.
- 5. PATIENT -- CALM, UNCOMPLAINING AND NOT HOSTILE.
  - 6. KIND -- HUMANE, GENTLE AND CONSIDERATE.
  - 7. **HELPFUL** -- SUPPORTIVE, MENTORING.
- 8. **COURTEOUS** -- HAVING GOOD MANNERS (IS THIS REALLY AN ARCHAIC CONCEPT?)
- 9. **MODEST** -- NOT ARROGANT, MODERATE AND POSSESSING HUMILITY.
- 10. OF GOOD HEALTH -- IT'S HARD TO BE CIVIL WHEN YOU HURT IN MIND OR BODY.
- 11. PUNCTUAL -- ON TIME. SEE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, 1.3, 1.4.
- 12. JOYFUL -- IN THE SENSE OF THE FRENCH IDIOM, JOI DE VIVRE -- HAVING AN OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK ON LIFE AND ENJOYING YOUR LIFE AS AN ATTORNEY.



"I didn't realize, Your Honor. I assumed the law here was the same as in New Jersey. As you may know, dog eat dog is permissible there."