# YOUR WITNESS, PLEASE! HOW NOT TO MESS UP A CROSS-EXAMINATION

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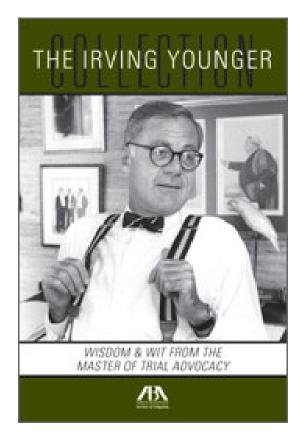
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#### Getting Back To Basics





#### "a lawyer who partly resembled a Shakespearean actor and partly a stand-up comic: in a grainy voice, with his arms flailing, and his fingers jabbing the air, Mr. Younger exhorted would-be lawyers about proper courtroom etiquette and effective advocacy, spicing the task with compelling trial tales and humorous anecdotes"

The New York Times, March 15, 1988



#### "But Mr. Younger was best known for his sharp wit and theatrics in the courtroom and had **the rare forensic ability to destroy an opponent's witness with a few quick questions**."

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# Irving Younger's

## Ten Commandments of Cross Examination

(ABA Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, August of 1975)

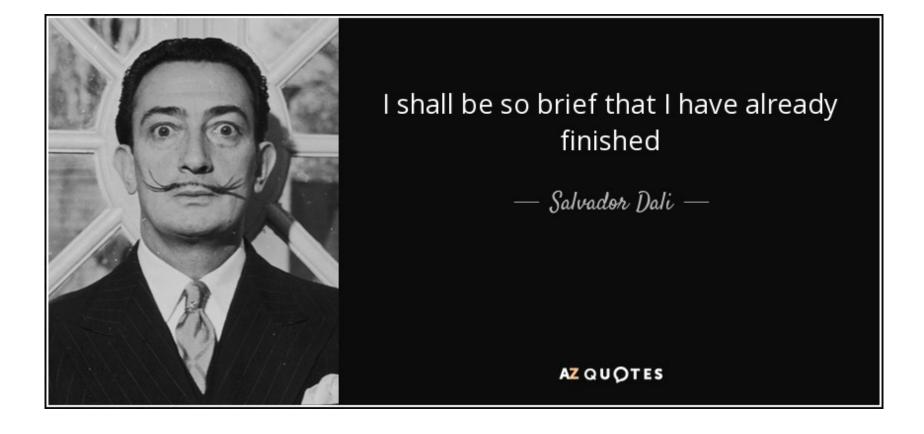
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#### 1. Be Brief







#### 2. Use Plain Words

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### "So you saw it happen while you were operating a vehicle en route to you place of employment?"

or

#### "So you saw it when you were driving to work?"

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#### 3. Use Only Leading Questions





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#### 4. Be Prepared

#### a.k.a. Know Everything. Backwards.

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# **Unless** your name is Google stop acting like you know everything. w.facebook.com/jokes014

#### 5. (Watch and) Listen

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# Pay attention to the cracks, because that's where the light gets in.

Leonard Cohen

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#### 6. Do Not Quarrel







#### 7. Avoid Repetition (of the Direct)

Repetition is the mother of all learning. Repetition is the mother of all learning

#### 8. Do Not Allow Witness Explanation

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#### 9. Limit Questioning

#### a.k.a. the "One Too Many" Rule



#### What anecdote would you like me to tell you?

# a) The "Speeding" cross b) The "Nose" cross c) The "Markiyan messed up" cross?

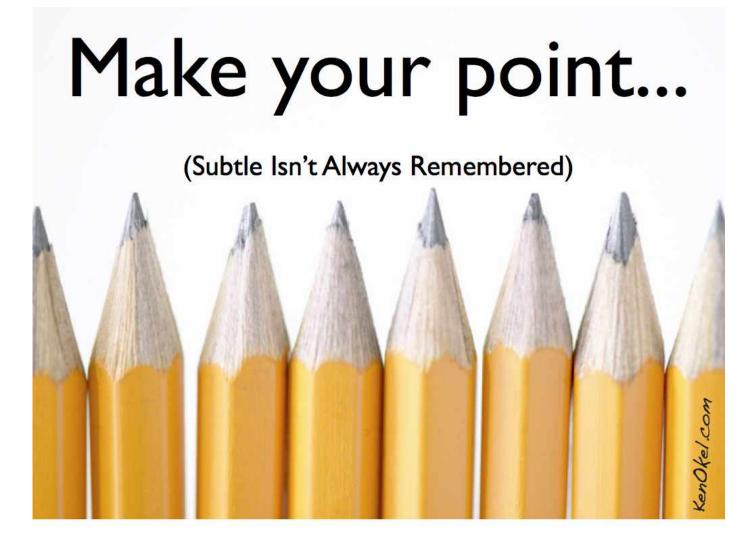
#### 10. Save for Closing

### (maybe)

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#### Bonus (Personal Addition):

#### 11. Have Fun

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