

Lawyer Accuses Judge of ‘Robe Rage,’ Tells Opposing Counsel to ‘Certify Your Own Stupidity’

The *ABA Journal* **reports** on a Chicago lawyer who has been accused of belittling his opposing counsel during a deposition and then describing the judge’s reaction to his conduct as “robe rage.”

Charles Andrew Cohn was accused in a complaint before the hearing board of the Illinois attorney disciplinary commission.

During a deposition, the complaint says, Cohn instructed his client not to answer a question, spurring the opposing lawyer to note her disagreement. “Certify the question,” said the opposing lawyer.

“OK,” Cohn replied. “Then certify your own stupidity.”

Cohn doubled-down when he filed a response to the opposing lawyer’s motion to compel. He wrote that – in a hearing on the motion – the judge had himself flown into a rage in the court hearing, describing the situation as a “robe rage incident.”

Read the *ABA Journal*’s article.