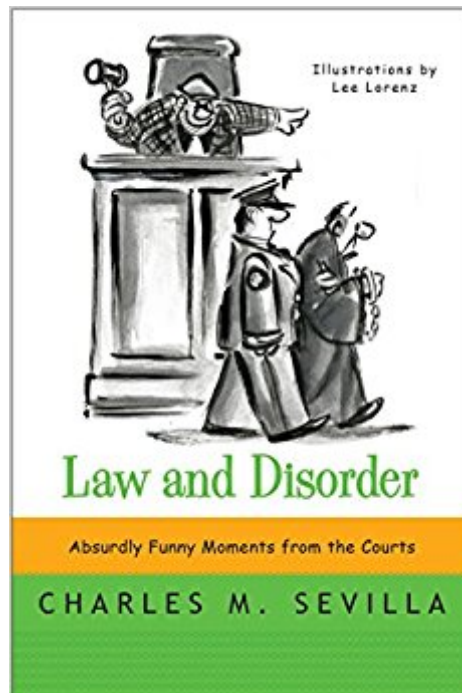




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# Law And Disorder: Absurdly Funny Moments From The Courts



## Synopsis

More hilarious, unbelievable-but-true stories from our nation's courts, from the author of *Disorder in the Court* and *Disorderly Conduct*. Charles M. Sevilla finds comic gems in court transcripts and now brings readers a delightful, all-new collection. Starting with a chapter on the defendants (one of whom, when asked his marital status, replies after a long pause, "Adequate") and following with sections on lawyers, experts, witnesses, evidence, and even one called "Malaprops" (DA: The status of the boat has no relevance to this case at all. This is a total fishing expedition). Stories from Sevilla's previous books have become viral Internet sensations, priming readers for more legal disorder, such as: Clerk: Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give in the cause now pending before this court shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God? Witness: Yes, I swear. I'll say anything but the truth, nothing but the truth. 14 illustrations

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Here's Sevilla's third collection of funnies (*Disorderly Conduct*, 1989; *Disorder in the Court*, 1993) from U.S. courts, supplied by contributors, named and anonymous, from around the U.S. In 10 chapters, with such titles as "The Defendants," "The Lawyers," and "The Jurors," odd and humorous excerpts from court proceedings, sometimes in Q&A format, are presented. Bad language, misunderstandings, and malapropisms abound, and sometimes the judges themselves let loose with fed-up lectures,

comments, and last-word asides. The accused, for the most part, come up with the most comments, both unexpected and profane. Although some anecdotes may ring bigger bells for those in the legal field, others are easy to laugh at, even while noting that they're about probable serious offenders and others in nerve-racking spots (e.g., a forensic psychologist is asked his current position. Answer? "Sitting"). Sevilla opens each chapter with quotes from luminaries, ranging from Rodney Dangerfield to Charles Dickens to Albert Einstein, that provide food for thought amid the chuckles. Funny and eye-opening. --Eloise Kinney

Perennially on the "Best Lawyers in America" list, Charles M. Sevilla has a private law practice in San Diego. He is the author of *Wilkes on Trial and Wilkes: His Life and Crimes* and a columnist for *Forum*.

I think I read the best stories from this book online. Some of them didn't really make sense and others were just not that funny. Overall it was okay. It made me laugh a few times, but I'm not sure I'd recommend purchasing it. Maybe borrow it.

It's hard to believe these stories are not scripted by Hollywood. People say the funniest things. I am so glad Sevilla wrote this book after such a long break. As Sevilla points out, most people don't think of the law as a fertile source of humor. But even in the courtroom, humor pops up unexpectedly. A great read and one in which you can put it down and then pick up again when you could use a good laugh. Enjoy this invitation to laugh at ourselves. Penni Mangan San Diego CA

Most of the book has super funny, laugh out loud court scenarios. The final pages have me wanting to buy author's previous versions to see if they are just as funny, or funnier. I think this would be a great tension reliever for attorney/court waiting areas.

Quite funny and a great coffee table book!..A guest can just pick it up and read a funny story in two minutes! Makes a great gift!

Saw some of these on the web and laughed a lot. The book does not have many that were that funny and both my daughter and I found the book boring.

As an attorney, I found a lot of the stories in his books very funny. I even knew one of the hapless

people whose courtroom verbal entanglement was in one of the books! I keep them in my conference room, for clients to enjoy when I delayed in getting in there with them.

Incredibly shocking language at times, not acceptable in a courtroom. That they are true excerpts makes it even worse. Lot of funny stuff too, though. I may buy the next one, hoping it won't be quite as graphic.....

Numerous parts are funny but the repetitive nature of the reports gets to be monotonous, additionally the profanities are disturbing in spite of the fact that criminals are being quoted.

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