

The Most Common Objections & Responses at (Mock) Trial



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BASICS OF EVIDENCE AT TRIAL

Acquirable trial skills

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**Can't fake your way
around evidence**

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BASICS OF EVIDENCE AT TRIAL

**Court & jury
watch you work**

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BASICS OF EVIDENCE AT TRIAL

Opportunity

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BASICS OF EVIDENCE AT TRIAL

**Opportunity to show
court & jury:**

- your knowledge of FRE**
- your preparation**
- your skill & poise**

BASICS OF EVIDENCE AT TRIAL

“The stage lights are ON”

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“The stage lights are ON”



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BASICS OF EVIDENCE AT TRIAL

Evidentiary Sensors™

Objections

Responses

BASICS OF EVIDENCE AT TRIAL

Opponent { 1. **Evidentiary Sensors™**
2. **Objections**

Proponent { 3. **Responses**

***Opponent** - counter to the response)

BASICS OF EVIDENCE AT TRIAL

Evidentiary Sensors

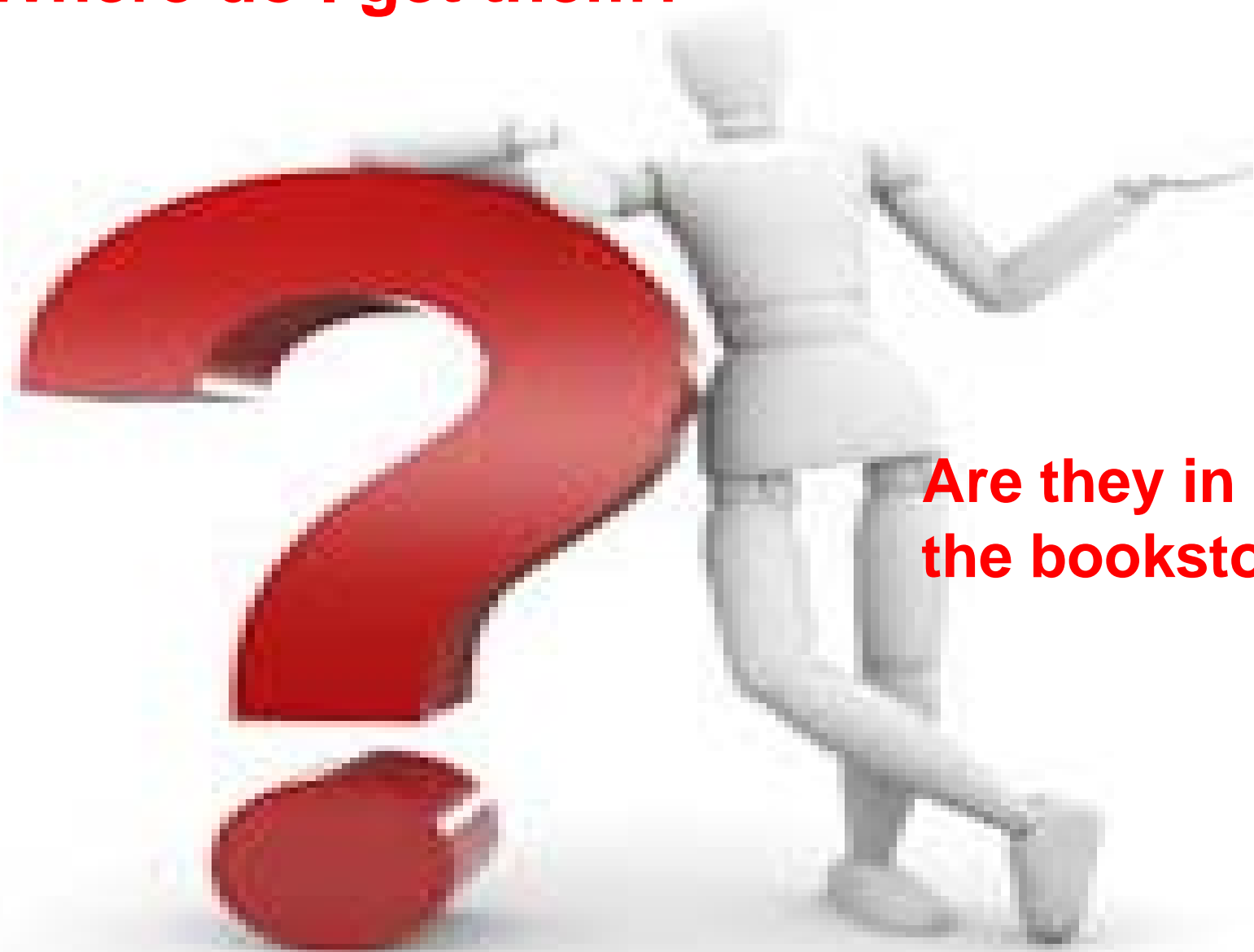
Opponent {

Objections

Proponent { Responses

But, Professor – I have no sensors?

Where do I get them?



**Are they in
the bookstore?**

Discovery Disclosures



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Witness lists
Exhibit lists





Discovery
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Statements



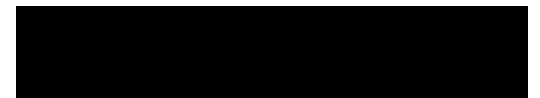
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Asking?

Listening at trial . . .



As Opponent . . .

**“Okay, so my
evidentiary sensors
went off –

now what?”**

Trial Strategy. . .

Motions in Limine

**“Objection, basis”
& “Request for Sidebar”**

**“Objection, basis”
(in front of the jury)**

Opponent { Evidentiary Sensors™
Objections

Proponent { Responses

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Objections . . .

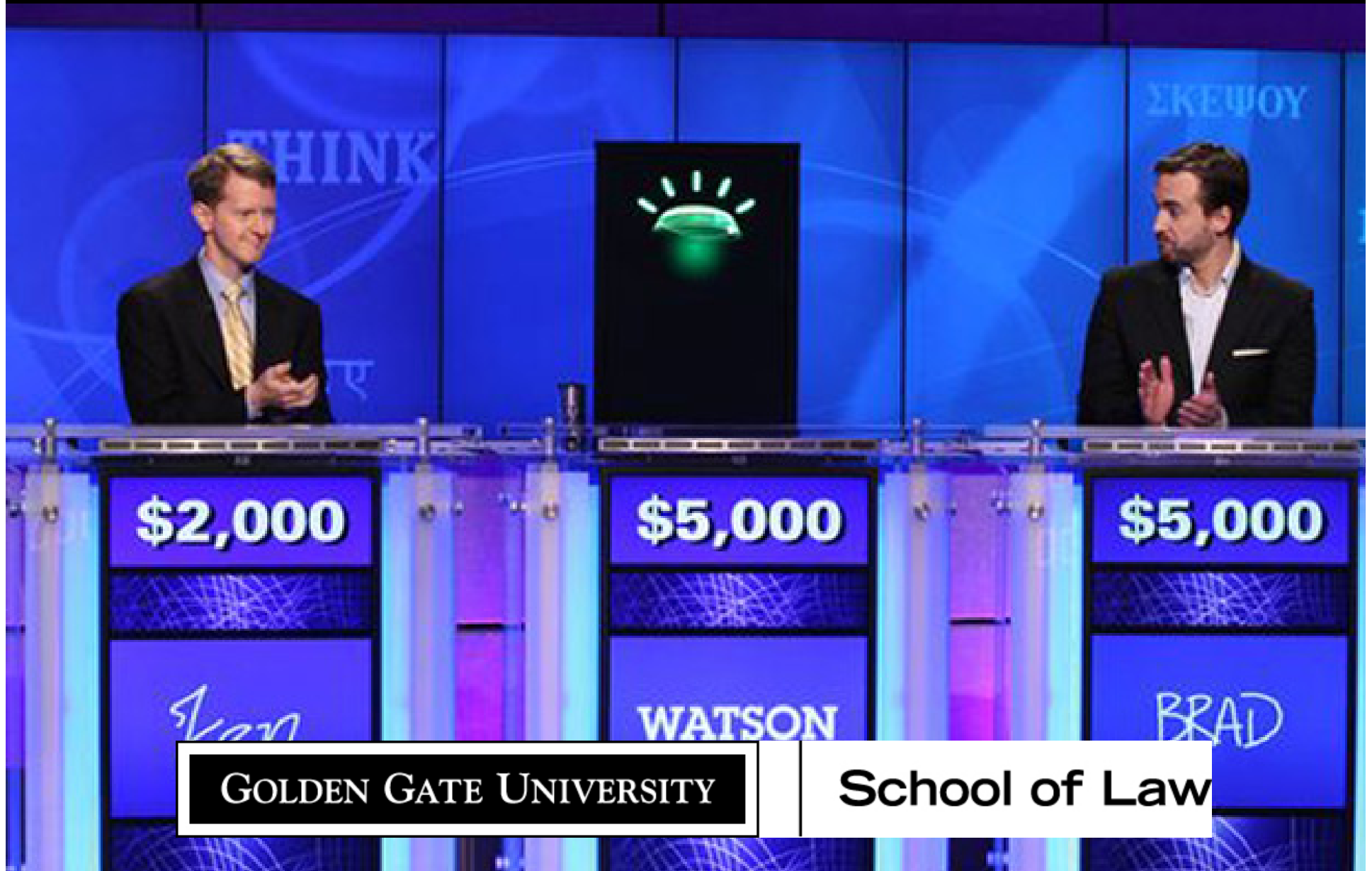
Stick in the spokes







Objections . . .



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OBJECTIONS

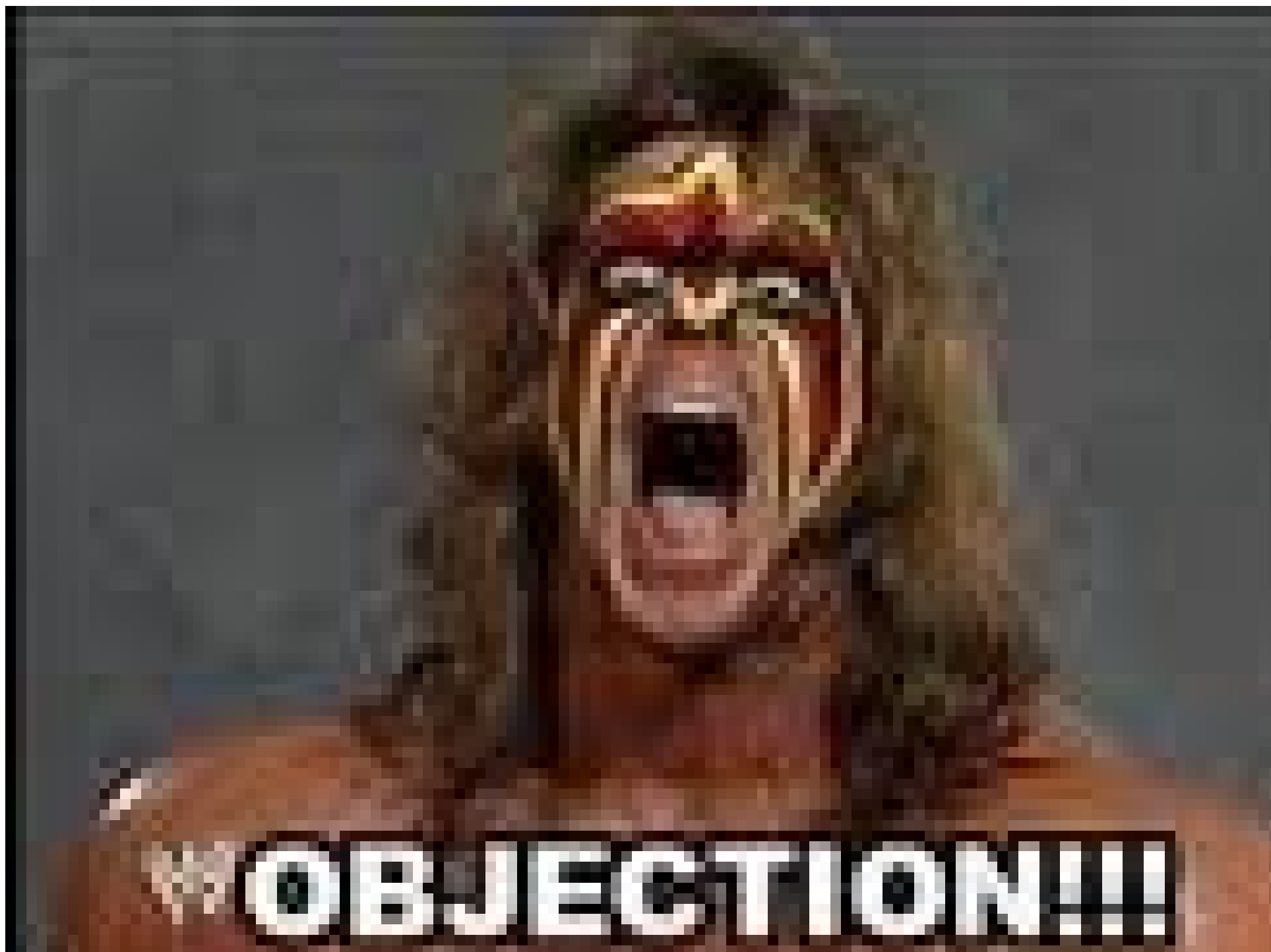
**Clear, loud and
assertive**

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OBJECTIONS

**Clear, loud and assertive,
but
not overboard**

BASICS OF EVIDENCE AT TRIAL

Opponent { Evidentiary Sensors™
Objections

Proponent { Responses



Responses . . .

Invisible wall

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RESPONSES

Call-on-me Face

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RESPONSES

Call-on-me Face



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RESPONSES

**Respond only to the
objection(s) made**

RESPONSES

“Request for sidebar”

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RESPONSES

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RESPONSES

“Objection, hearsay”

“It’s relevant b/c”

RESPONSES

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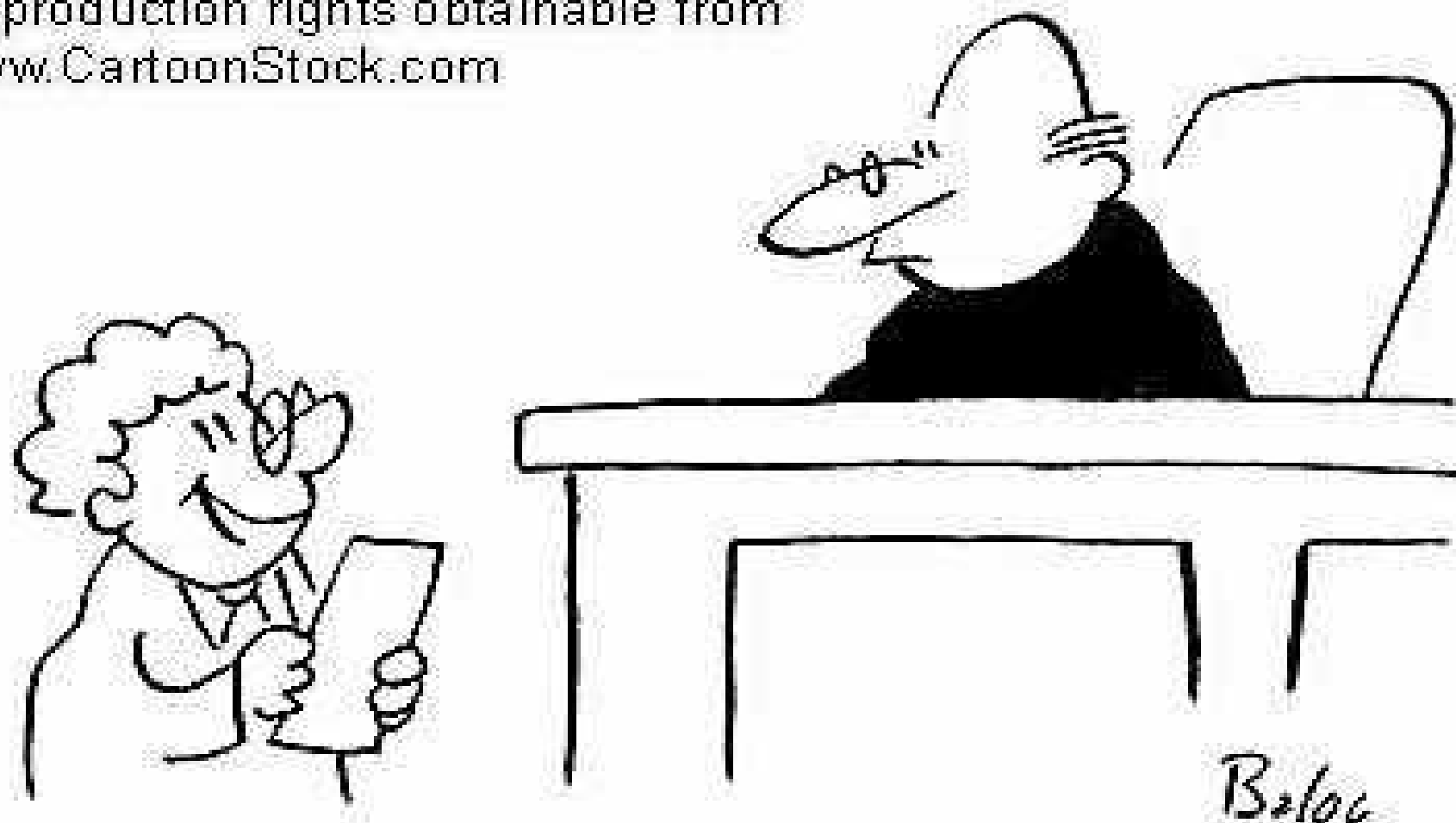
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RESPONSES

“I’m just trying . . .”

“I’m simply . . .”



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"I realize that hearsay evidence isn't
admissible by the court, Your Honor,
but you're going to *love* this!"



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Proponent { 3. Responses

***Opponent { counter to the response**

Counters to responses . . .

**Conversation
narrows
down**

“Objection, basis”

“Response”

“Counter to the Response”

[Get a] Ruling

Objection



OVERRULED

Uh-oh