

# Dealing with Hostile Adversaries in Contentious Litigation

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Litigation is an inherently adversarial process. At times the contentiousness and acrimony become a challenge for the parties to address. Hostility increases the costs of litigation as well as the stress levels of all participants. For those reasons alone, counsel must be able to deal with aggressive and unreasonable adverse parties and continually develop these skills. In this episode, Kent Schmidt interviews Jennifer Coates and Ashley Repp on how to handle hostile adversaries in litigation, what courts are doing about a lack of civility, and secrets to keeping a level head and maintaining mental health during the battle.

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