**Family law trial judge what are they looking for?**

The trial judge observes the witnesses, their demeanor, attitude, candor or lock of candor.

Demeanor – means behavior

Candor – honesty-sincerity, frankness, innocence

Attitude – stand, poise, posture, position

The testimony of the parent is, in almost all circumstances the most important testimony to be presented in the custody trial.

While the substance of the testimony is important the tenor and attitude of the presentation can be equally important, and equally dangerous.

The party must be made aware that the court is watching and assessing him or her from the moment of the inception of the case, which means noting each time in front of the judge.

Also as with all testimony council must tailor the presentation of the case to the most important testimony, about the most important issues. Stay focused on what’s important.

The feelings and desires of the parents are not to be considered, Except as they affect the interests of the children

Paramount consideration in determining the custody is the welfare of the Childs feeling & desires

The children involved should not be made the paws of personal desire, unless such acts of conduct are shown to affect directly the welfare and best interest of the child.