

## How Do Court Recorders Keep Straight Faces???

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the ex-changes were taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?

WITNESS: No, I just lie there.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: 38 or 35, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: In what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget...

ATTORNEY: Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you shitting me?

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?

WITNESS: Getting laid

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death..

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

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## Artist of the Month: Jackie Campa: Color Therapy

Jacqueline (Jackie) Campa moved from Tennessee to Key Largo in 1998. Living on a houseboat - she loved the island life. Tropical art is her great inspiration, with bright colors and bold lines. She still loves traveling back to the hills where she recharges her batteries and finds a different kind of inspiration.

Raised in Tennessee, she studied art in college while getting her Elementary Education degree. Later she did further study in art; abstract art as her specialty.

Campa has been a member of the Art Guild of the Purple Isles for 3 decades and enjoys entering many of the shows they offer during the season. You have seen her art, possibly not realizing it. She has won many ribbons and accolades over the years and has had her art featured in Culture and Keys Woman magazines, as well as on the posters for several big Keys events.

Creative Monday (1-3pm) at the Key Largo Library, a seasonal offering of free art classes, was initiated in 2016 by her desire to share the benefits of simply creating. Everyone is welcome and it is a

mix of rookies and more serious artists. This series runs through April.

Campa taught several seasons of the adult art classes offered at the library alongside other retired teachers and professional artists. She mentors other artists, when asked.

Sharing and caring could be Campa's mantra. Or perhaps: "Art heals most wounds." To spend time with color and line is akin to meditation. Problems dissolve for a few hours, blood pressure drops and spirits rise. Often the Monday class focuses on making art that can be shared with others, and getting out of the house and working with a group builds friendships and self worth.

To Campa, art can cure many ills. "It is therapy to heal from illness, grief and loss - and it is cheap and available. All of the arts lend themselves to that: music writing and painting." She shares her own battle with breast cancer. "Today, more women are being diagnosed with breast cancer - it is nearly epidemic. Your mental and spiritual attitude are enhanced with creativity and community."

