

I work for an attorney whose practice is made up of the elderly. She helps with wills, trusts and estates. She recently had a hearing before a Probate Judge who didn't know the law. When she asked for a ruling, he said "Can I do that?" I think that judges must be qualified to sit on the bench and know the law they will be deciding. It isn't fair to the clients or the attorneys when the judges don't know what they are doing.

I also believe that many lawsuits in civil court are frivolous and without merit. I think the bar association should have a panel of attorneys, every bar member taking a turn on the panel anonymously, to review civil suits. The basis of the suit should be given to the panel--without names or amounts suing for--and the panel should vote on whether the suit has merit or not and whether the case should be allowed to continue. Mona Lepine