



JUDGE BREMER'S 101 TRIAL TIPS

- * Show up * Show up on time * Show up prepared * Have a plan *
- * Do you really mean that ? * No surprise witnesses * Be nice * Be nice to counsel * Be nice to staff * Be nice to each other * Know the rules * Know the local rules * Know the local quirks * Make a good record * Simplify *
- * Use visuals--well * I need to see it * I need to hear you * Be sympathetic *
- * Take a deep breath * Chill, but do not freeze * Yes, Your Honor * Tell a story * Show me the story * Show some respect (to everyone) * Grace under pressure * Stretch mentally * Stretch physically * Try something new
- * Adjust the pace * Pick up the pace * Keep your blood sugar up * Be quiet
 - * Listen * Do your homework * Prepare the Order * Cite to the FRE *
 - * Tell me why (I should rule for you) * Be the most diligent *
- * Say Thank You * Pay attention * No whining * Don't sigh dramatically *
- * Have witnesses ready * Beware of lecturing experts * Keep it simple *
- * Don't put us to sleep * Summarize * Cite correctly * Cite accurately *
- * Cite adverse authority * Read beyond headnotes * Know how to negotiate
 - * Know how to mediate * Know how to meditate *
 - * Make motions truly dispositive * Get real * Be a problem solver *
 - * Have case number ready * Read and follow the Pretrial Order * Your emergency is not my emergency * Is it worth a reply brief ? * Is it really worth a motion to reconsider? * Do you need all those exhibits? * Watch page limitations * Watch your time * What are the truly undisputed facts? *
 - * Where is it in the record? * Prepare instructions * Don't mumble *
 - * Read slower * File brief briefs * Law clerks are your colleagues *
- * Law clerks keep confidences * Focus * Clean up your own mess * Try to work it out * Be confident, yet cooperative * Be flexible, but not spineless *
- * Yield graciously * Provide copies to judge & jury * Make your own copies * Use titles, not first names * No personal attacks * Don't argue after I've ruled * It's never too late to settle * What do you want? * Mark your own exhibits * Credibility is your only currency * Don't misquote *
- * Avoid the last minute * No ex parte * Accept responsibility * Argue to the court, not each other * Don't waste time * Stand when you talk * Be civil *
- * Promote equality * Promote fairness * Promote truth *
- * Make order out of chaos *

