

Judicial Intervention in Witness Examination

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The Article tackles the issue of whether a judge may intervene at a trial when a lawyer appears to be obviously incompetent to handle the case adjudicated before the said judge. This discussion is done in light of the applicable provisions of the Rules of Court vis-à-vis the rules applicable in other jurisdictions, including the European courts, the Federal Rules of Court of the United States, and the rules of some Asean countries. The Article also analyzes the arguments presented by several authors and noteworthy legal personalities, such as but not limited to, Edmund Burke, Bernard Shientag, Roscoe Pound and I.R. Kaufman