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Hemingway Look-a-Like vs. the Court

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I love a good story. The defendant is accused of a host of serious crimes. His counsel requests a continuance of trial. Why? So that the attorney can appear in an Ernest Hemingway look-a-like contest. The court gamely **explained** that:

Between a muder-for-hire trial and an annual look-alike contest, surely Hemingway, a perfervid admirer of "grace under pressure," would choose the trial. At his most robust, Hemingway exemplified the intrepid defense lawyer:

"He works like hell, and through it . . . He has the most profound bravery . . . He he has had pain[] and the kind of poverty you don't believe[;] he has had about eight times the normal allotment of responsibilities. And he has never once compromised. He has never turned off on an easier path than the one he staked himself. It takes courage."

Perhaps a lawyer who evokes Hemingway can resist relaxing frolic in favor of solemn duty **Best of luck to counsel in next year's contest.** The motion is DENIED.

Kudos, Judge Merryday (and I suspect the defendant can say a farwell to arms....)!

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