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### **Emphatic advocacy**

Photo from website of U.S. District Court (W.D. Mi.). Imagine if the late Ernie Kovacs attended law school and somehow was put under and followed the misimpression to speak and write in monotone. Then, imagine if Ernie Kovacs were a lawyer, and injected all his vim, vigor, vitality, and humor into his written and oral words. He would be a tough act to follow. In that context, it is a delight to upload and link here -- with the author's permission -- to a very emphatic, fast-paced, grabbing federal sentencing memorandum by Los Angeles criminal defense lawyer David J.P. Kaloyanides. Whether or not a judge agrees with his sentencing memorandum, it is bound to grab his audience as his advocacy piece moves forward in a similar attention-getting vein as watching the original M\*A\*S\*H movie, as it draws the audience into a cohesive and clearly-developing story. Kaloyanides's sentencing memorandum unveils the very sham of the drug war and the draconian federal drug felony prosecution and sentencing system. Are you considering being a prosecutor? Other than using that as an attempted career stepping stone or a way to have one of the highest-paying federal attorney jobs, why do it? Prosecutors and would-be prosecutors, feel free to answer anonymously if you wish. Jon Katz.

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