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MacCarthy on Cross-Examination

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CHICAGO, Aug. 31, 2007 – For 40 years Terence MacCarthy has been the head of the Federal Defender's Office in Chicago, and is ranked among the nation's top continuing legal education instructors on cross-examination technique. Now, Terence MacCarthy has literally written the book on cross-examination, one that show lawyers how they can effectively cross-examine, even when the witness is not cooperating. .

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