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In a heated session on Tuesday, the cross-examination of Michael Cohen by Donald Trump's lawyer, Todd Blanche, began with sharp exchanges and an admonishment from Judge Juan Merchan. Blanche, a former prosecutor for the Southern District of New York, began by questioning Cohen about derogatory comments he previously made on TikTok, including calling Blanche a "crying little s\*\*\*." Cohen confirmed making the comments, prompting Blanche to argue his intention to show Cohen's bias against Trump's legal team.

Judge Merchan intervened, reminding Blanche to focus on whether Cohen held bias towards Trump, rather than making the questioning about himself. Cohen, a former Trump lawyer, testified about efforts to suppress damaging stories about Trump ahead of the 2016 election.

This week’s court events are part of the broader hush-money trial in New York, where Cohen is a key witness for the prosecution. Simultaneously, E. Jean Carroll has requested the federal appeals court to expedite Trump's appeal of a verdict awarding her $5 million for defamation and battery, citing his history of delaying proceedings.