

# ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

## Opening Activity

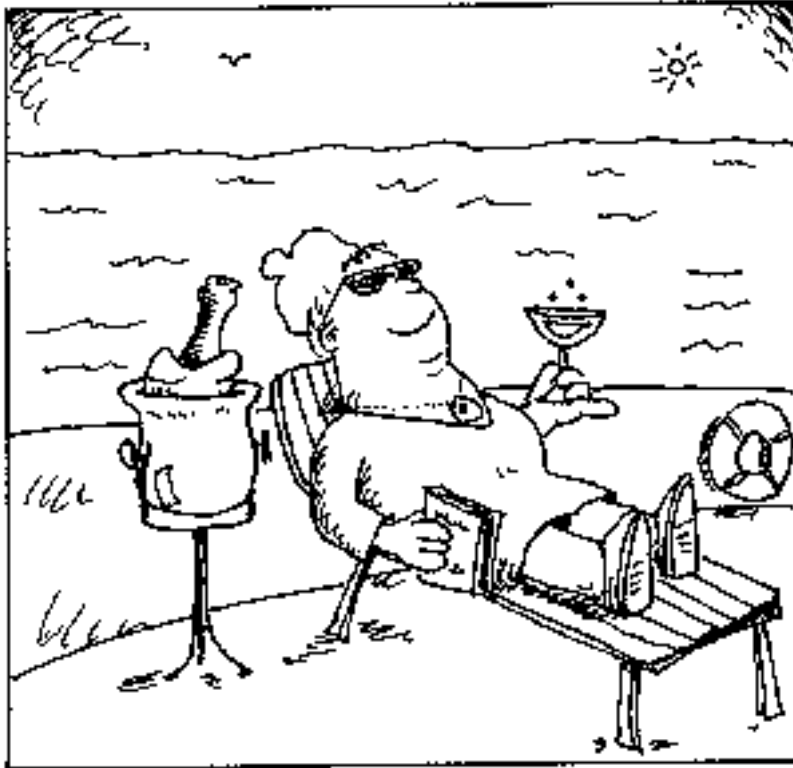
### You be the Judge

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***You be the Judge*** is a legal puzzle designed to exercise your mind and reasoning power. Read the facts of this real life court case. Then put your judgment against that of the real jury or trial judge.

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### 42. Your Mistake Is My Gain



Larry Solerei and his wife Marie were on vacation in the Great Lakes. They were aboard a cruise ship traveling from Canada to Boston during the winter. The weather on the fifth day as the ship entered the Atlantic Ocean became increasingly bad. Late in the evening after dinner Marie was walking along the Promenade deck when a strong gust of wind came up and a large wave caused the ship to roll very quickly to the starboard side. Marie lost her balance and fell against the railing of the ship. The wind was so strong and the ship's list was so great she struck her head on the rail and died from a massive concussion. Several witnesses saw the accident and it was also recorded on the ship's security camera. An insurance company paid the widower (Larry) 400,000 dollars under an accidental life insurance policy he had taken out on his wife three years before the incident. The insurance money was paid by mistake, since the insurance policy had lapsed for non-payment of premiums. The premium was one month past due and a premium payment was in the mail when the death occurred.

**How do you think the case should be decided, can Larry keep the money? EXPLAIN**

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