

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Opening Activity

You be the Judge

Name: _____ Period: _____ Row: _____ Date: _____

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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47. Influencing the Outcome?



Following a day of testimony in a civil trial involving a non-injury traffic collision, the jury was allowed outside the courtroom to view the scene of the traffic accident. After viewing the collision scene the jurors were dismissed by the judge until court resumed the following day. The plaintiff involved in the lawsuit entertained some of the jury in a local cocktail lounge prior to going home but did not discuss the case. The defense attorney in the case discovered that some of the jurors and the plaintiff had gone to the cocktail lounge and asked the judge for a mistrial.

Did the court order a mistrial? **EXPLAIN YOUR RATIONALE**

How do you think the case should have been decided?
