

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

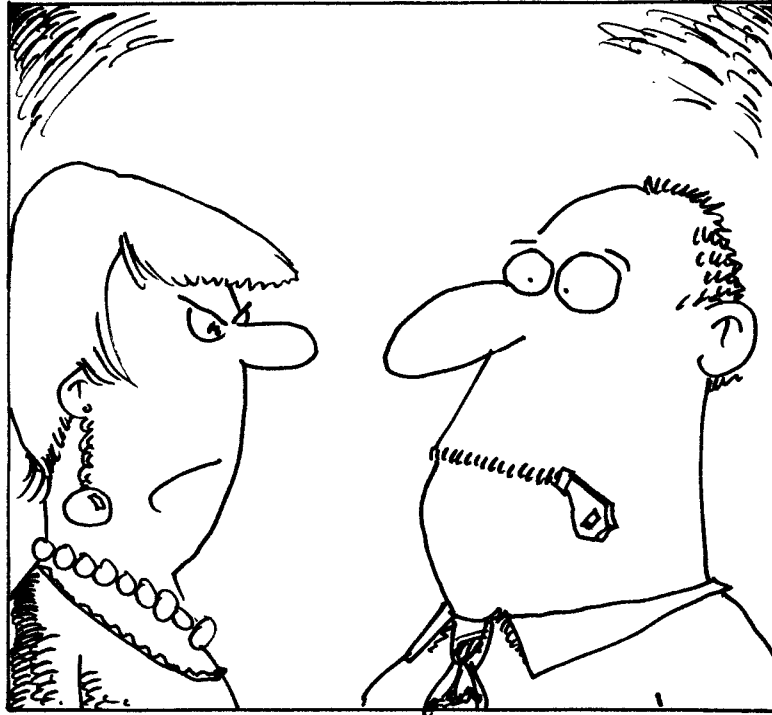
Opening Activity

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.

48. The Mystery Woman



Sharon found out that her husband was having an affair with one of the women he worked with. She hired a lawyer who filed a law suit in divorce court and assigned a private detective to obtain evidence to support her law suit. The private detective was not able to obtain incriminating evidence in the period leading up to the trial. Her husband, Bill, counter sued for divorce in the same lawsuit claiming his wife was cruel and insensitive to his needs. When sworn in to testify in court, Bill refused to answer questions about his relationship with the “mystery woman.” Bill’s position is that he does not have to testify about his own possible wrongdoing because that would violate his privilege against self-incrimination.

Must Bill testify about the “mystery woman” if he wishes to pursue his side of the suit for divorce?

You are the Judge: Will you require Bill to testify? EXPLAIN your reasons for the decision you have just made.
