

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Opening Activity

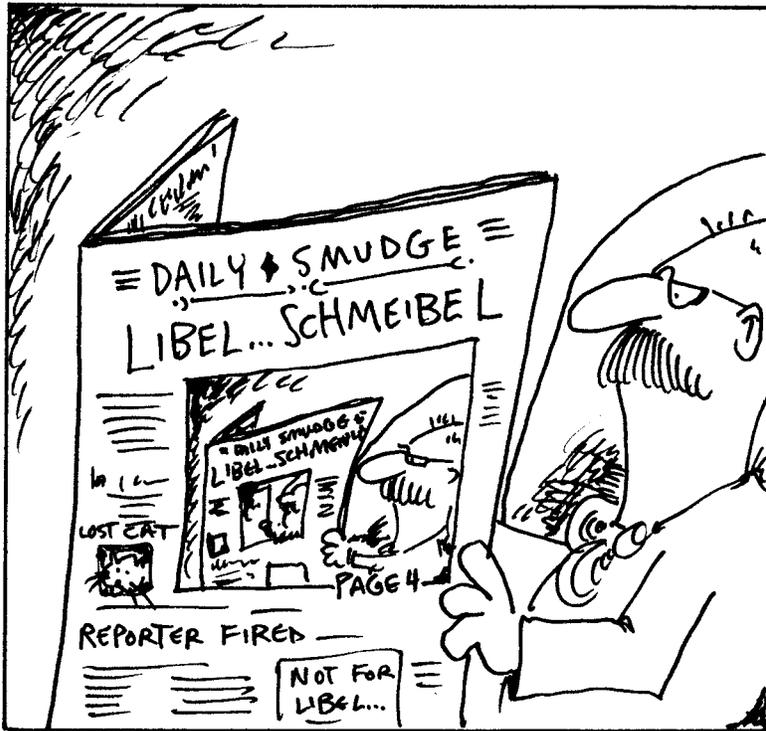
You be the Judge

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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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55. The Employer's Revenge?



Sam sues the local newspaper for libel (publishing false information defaming his character). He claims the paper knowingly printed degrading comments about his character that was damaging to his political career. Sam wants to prove that the newspaper fired the newspaper reporter who wrote the story shortly after it appeared in the paper because they knew it was not true. The lawyer for the newspaper claims that the reporter being fired should be inadmissible on the grounds that the firing in itself does not imply the newspaper acknowledged any wrong doing.

Is the evidence of the firing admissible?

How do you think the case should have been decided?
